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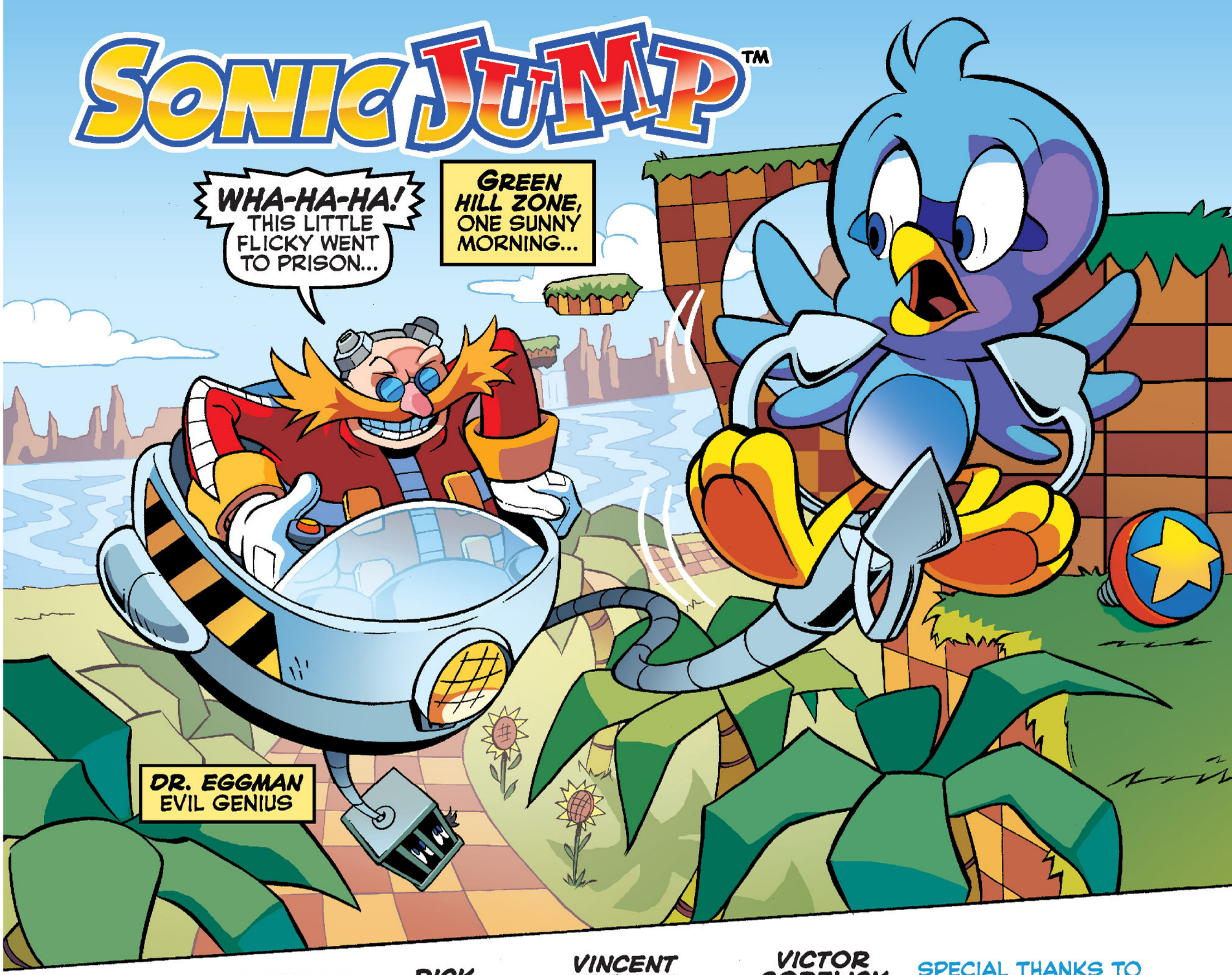
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WHA-HA-HA! THIS LITTLE FLICKY WENT TO PRISON...
GREEN HILL ZONE, ONE SUNNY MORNING...
DR. EGGMAN EVIL GENIUS

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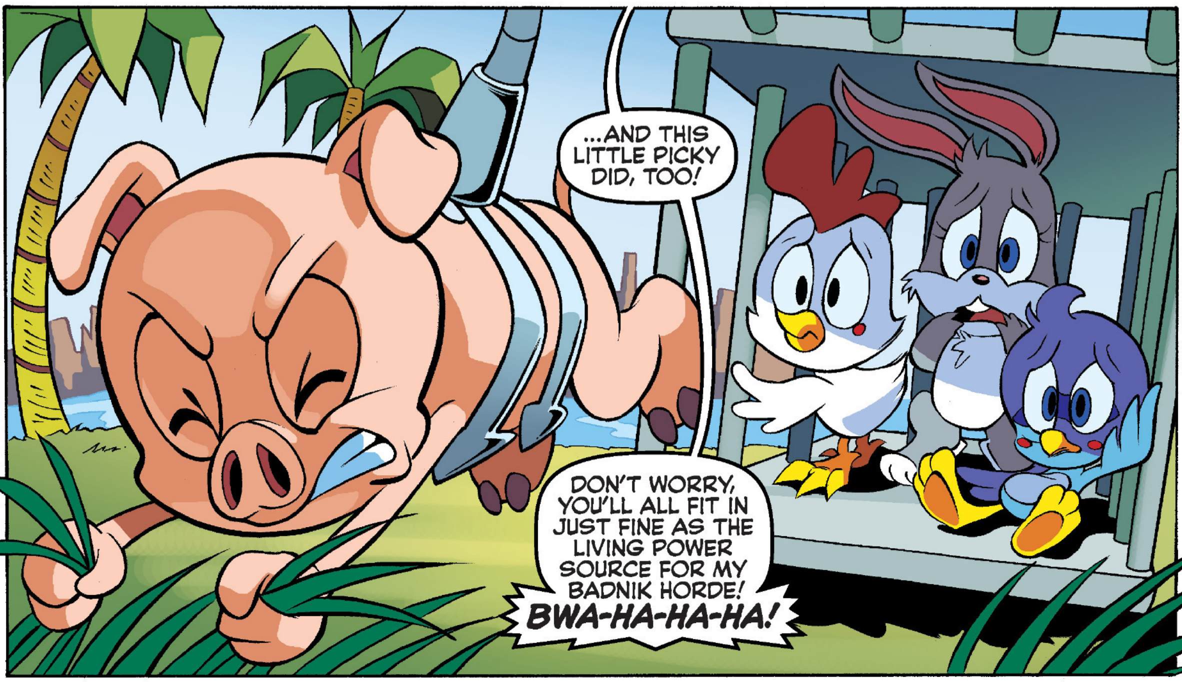
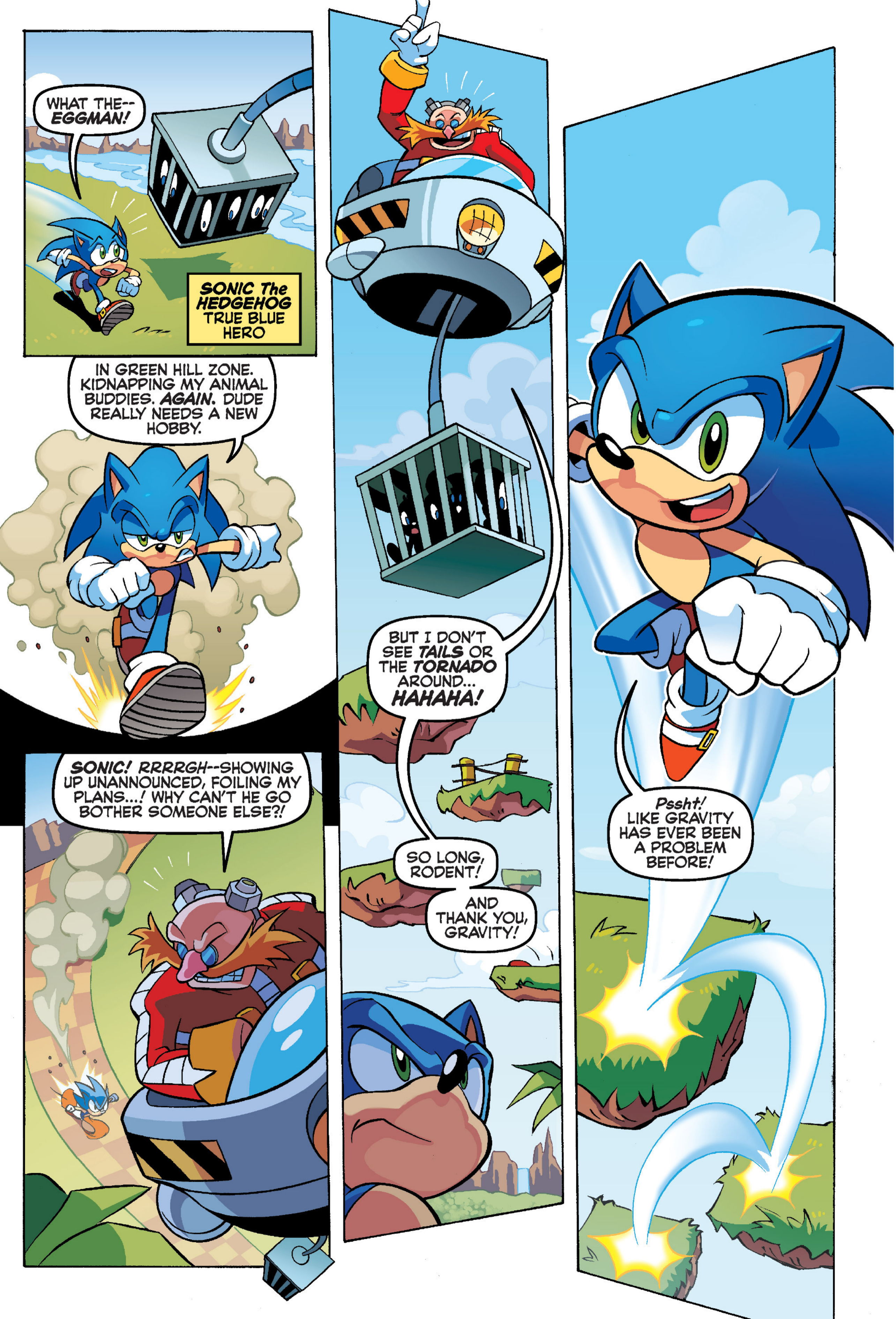
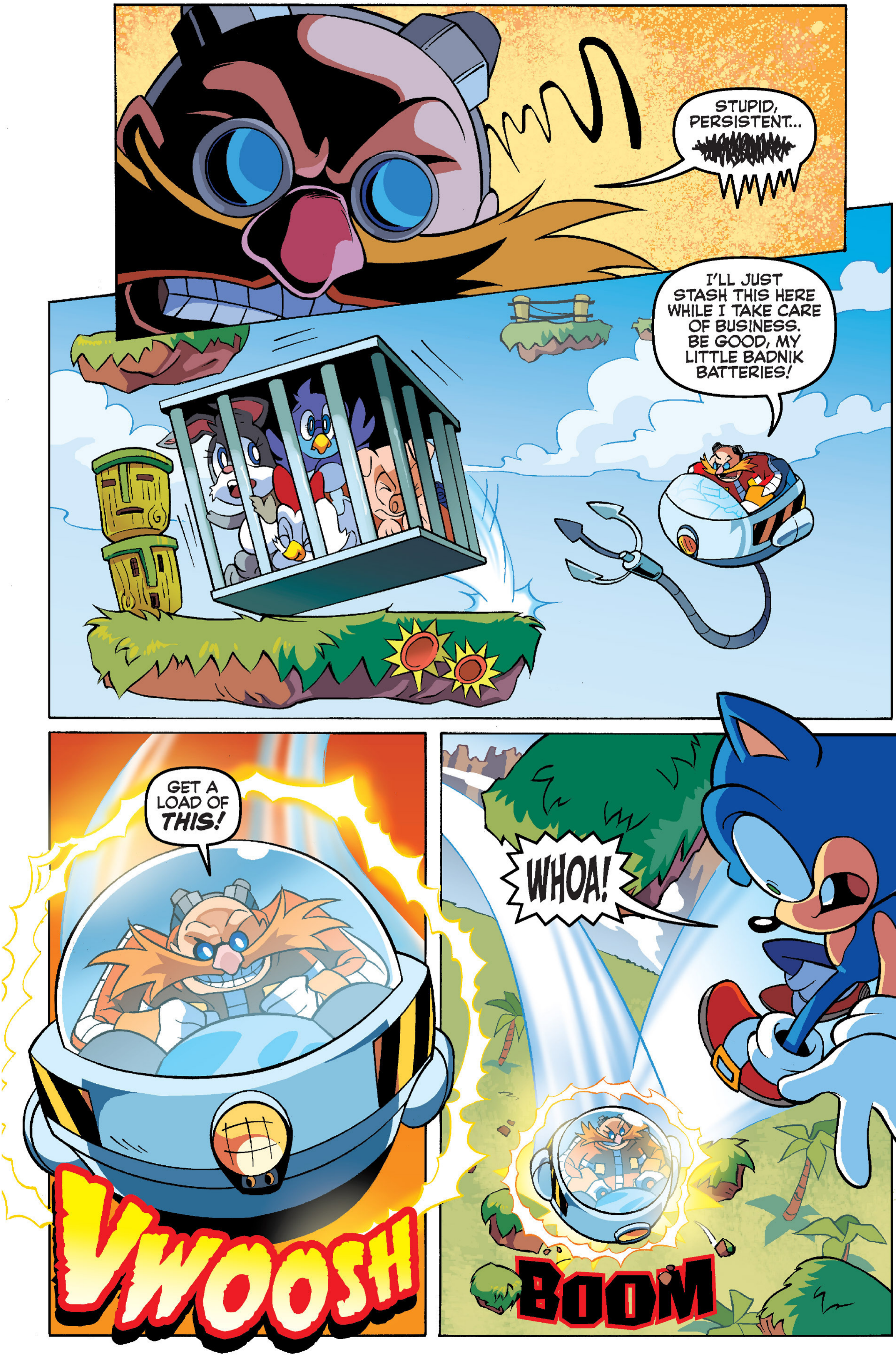
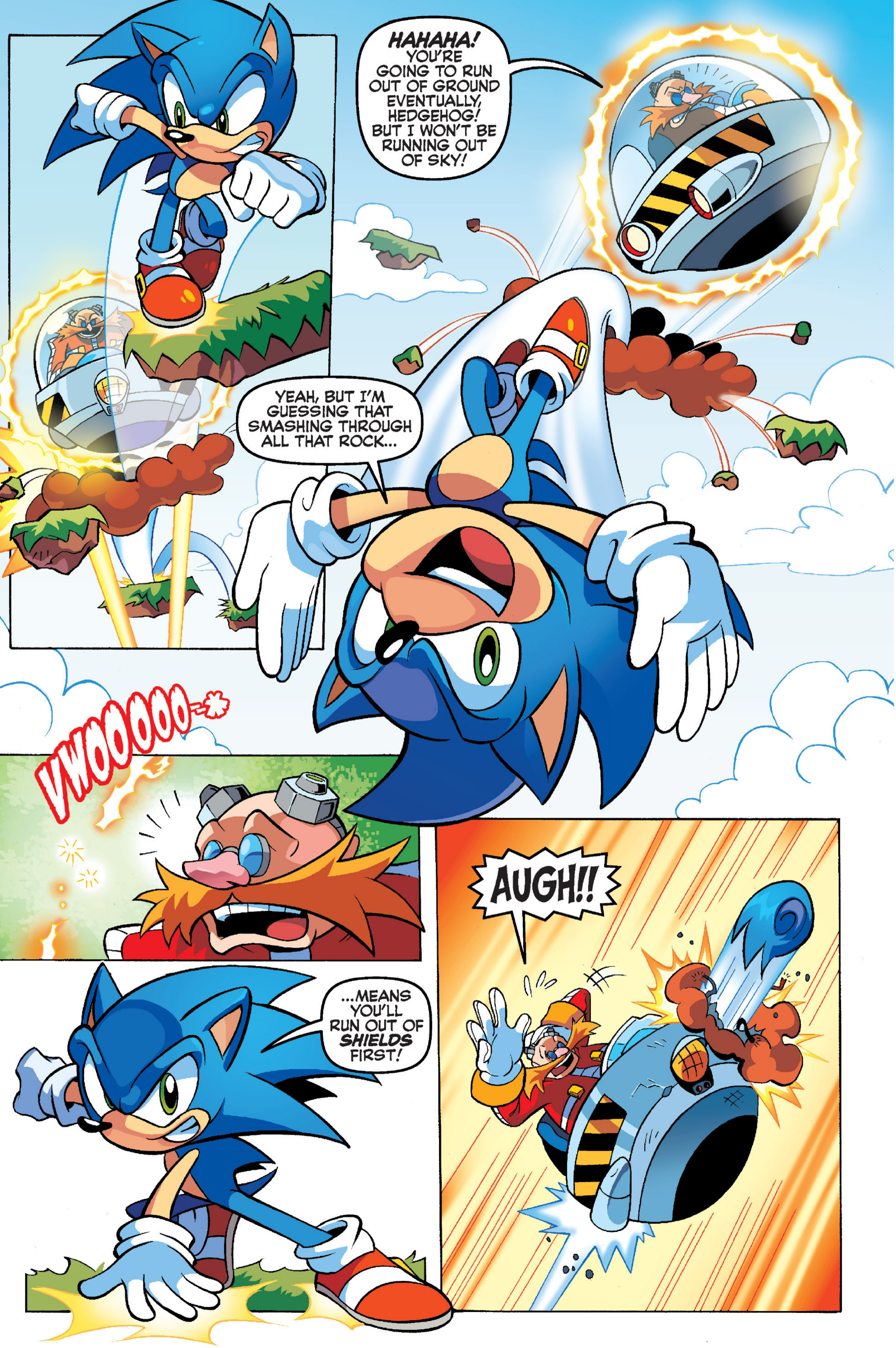
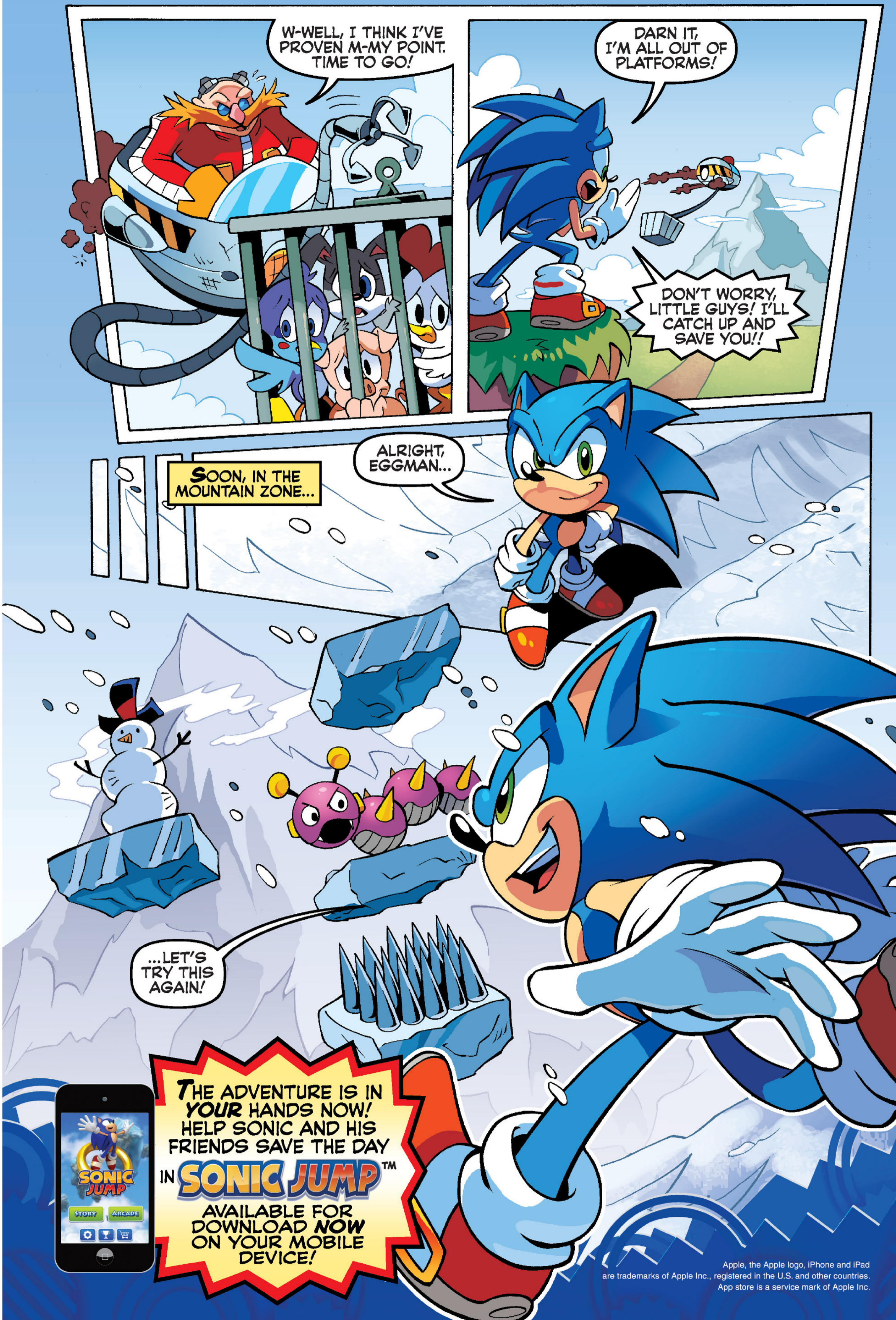

...AND THIS LITTLE PICKY DID, TOO!
DON'T WORRY, YOU'LL ALL FIT IN JUST FINE AS THE LIVING POWER SOURCE FOR MY BADNIK HORDE! BWA-HA-HA-HA!


WHAT THE-- EGGMAN!
SONIC The HEDGEHOG TRUE BLUE HERO
IN GREEN HILL ZONE. KIDNAPPING MY ANIMAL BUDDIES. AGAIN. DUDE REALLY NEEDS A NEW HOBBY.
SONIC! RRRRGH--SHOWING UP UNANNOUNCED, FOILING MY PLANS...! WHY CAN'T HE GO BOTHER SOMEONE ELSE?!
BUT I DON'T SEE TAILS OR THE TORNADO AROUND... HAHAHA!
SO LONG, RODENT!
AND THANK YOU, GRAVITY!
Pssht! LIKE GRAVITY HAS EVER BEEN A PROBLEM BEFORE!


STUPID, PERSISTENT...
I'LL JUST STASH THIS HERE WHILE I TAKE CARE OF BUSINESS. BE GOOD, MY LITTLE BADNIK BATTERIES!
GET A LOAD OF *THIS!*
VWOOSH
WHOA!
BOOM


HAHAHA! YOU'RE GOING TO RUN OUT OF GROUND EVENTUALLY, HEDGEHOG! BUT I WON'T BE RUNNING OUT OF SKY!
YEAH, BUT I'M GUESSING THAT SMASHING THROUGH ALL THAT ROCK...
VWOOOOO-*
AUGH!!
...MEANS YOU'LL RUN OUT OF SHIELDS FIRST!


W-WELL, I THINK I'VE PROVEN M-MY POINT. TIME TO GO!
DARN IT, I'M ALL OUT OF PLATFORMS!
DON'T WORRY, LITTLE GUYS! I'LL CATCH UP AND SAVE YOU!!
SOON, IN THE MOUNTAIN ZONE...
ALRIGHT, EGGMAN...
...LET'S TRY THIS AGAIN!
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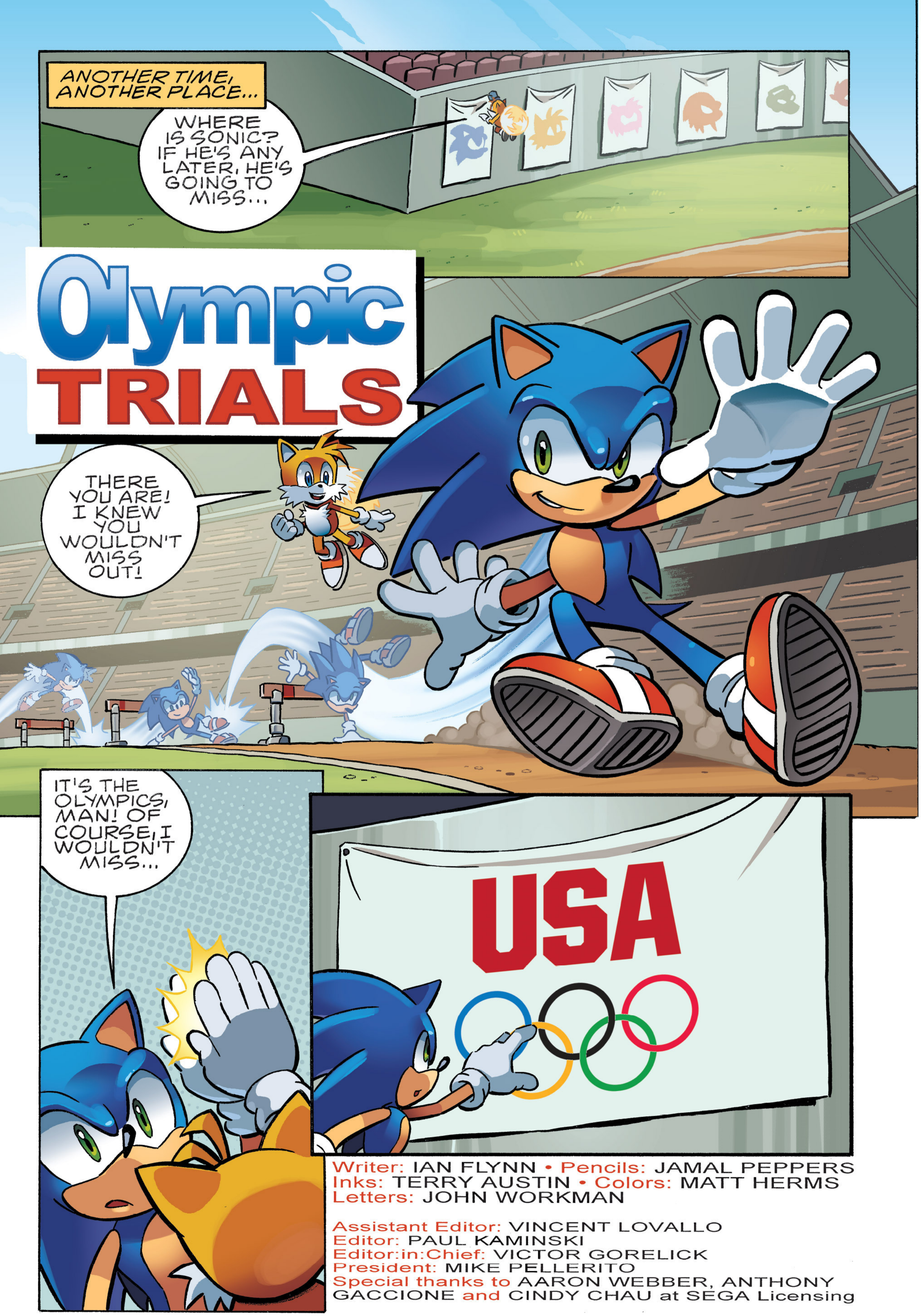
ANOTHER TIME, ANOTHER PLACE...
WHERE IS SONIC? IF HE'S ANY LATER, HE'S GOING TO MISS...
THERE YOU ARE! I KNEW YOU WOULDN'T MISS OUT!
IT'S THE OLYMPICS, MAN! OF COURSE, I WOULDN'T MISS...
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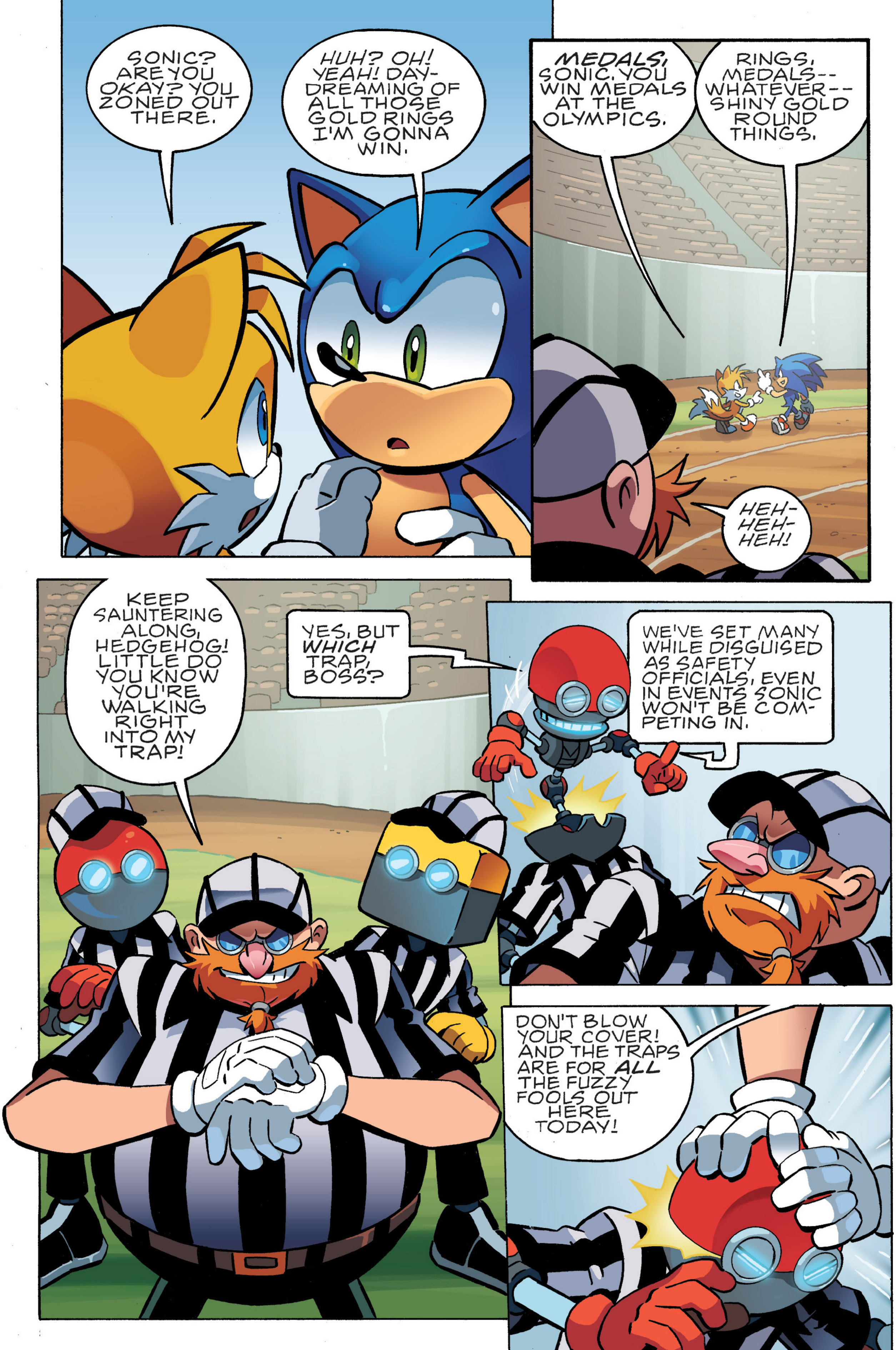
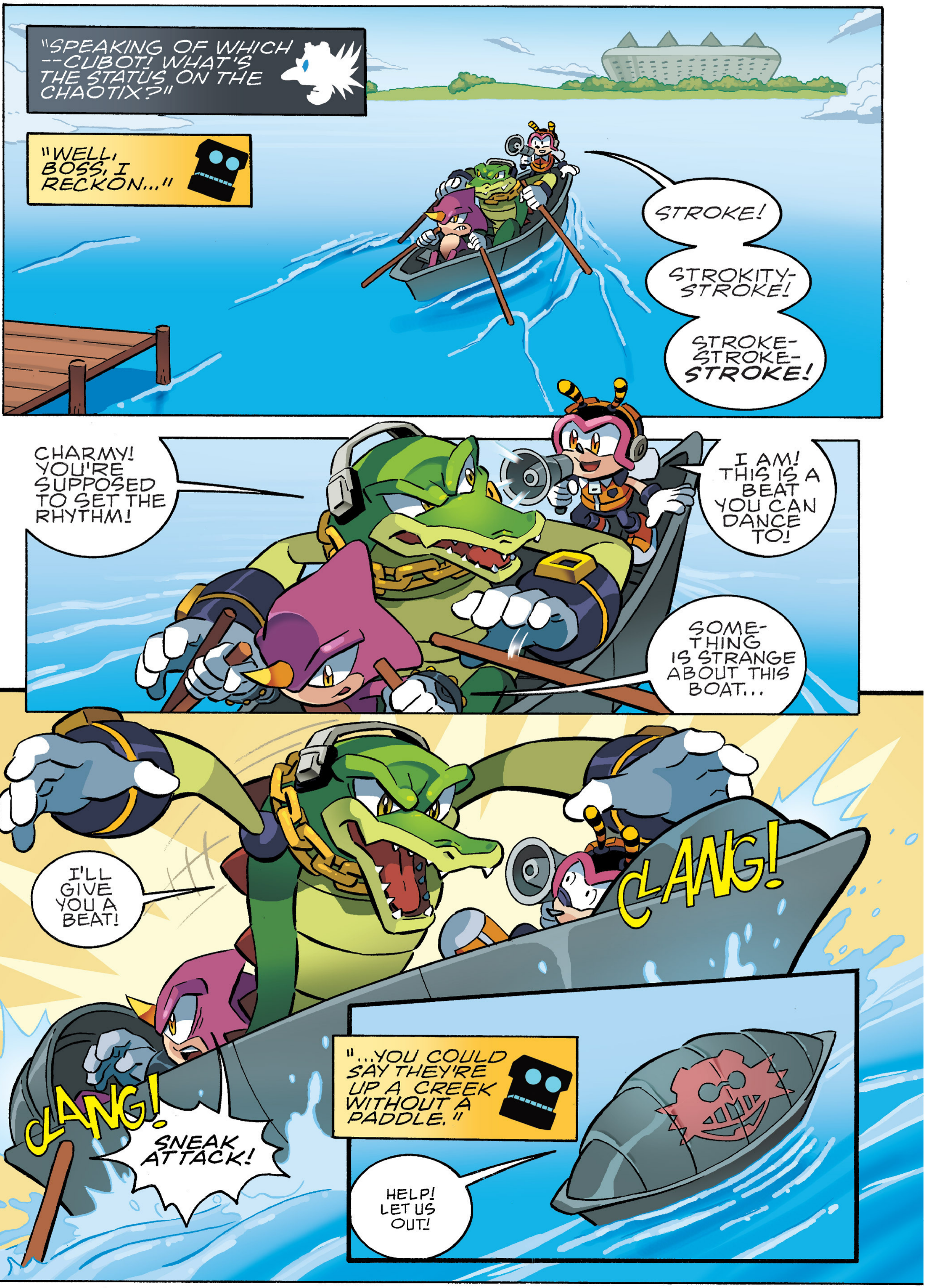
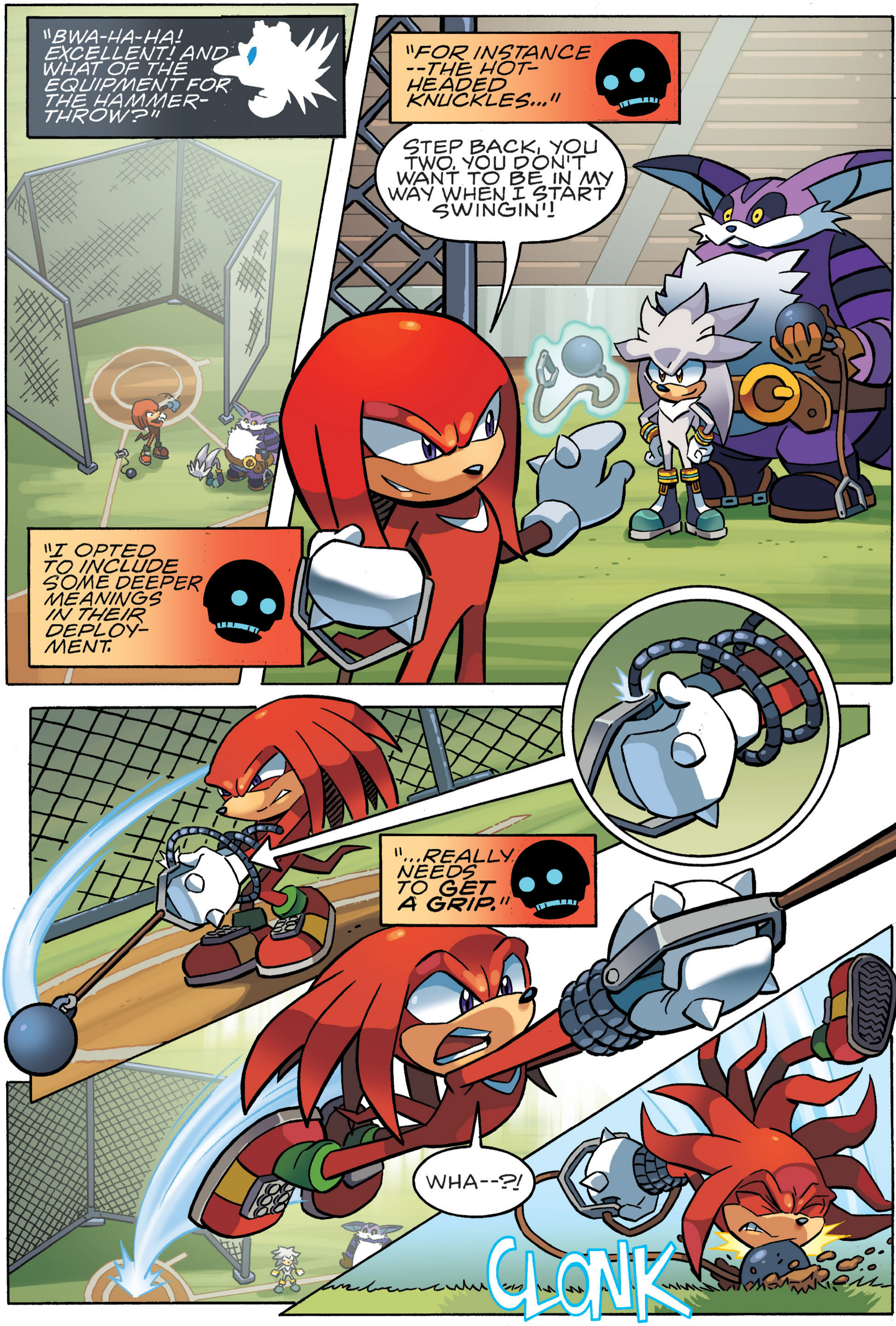
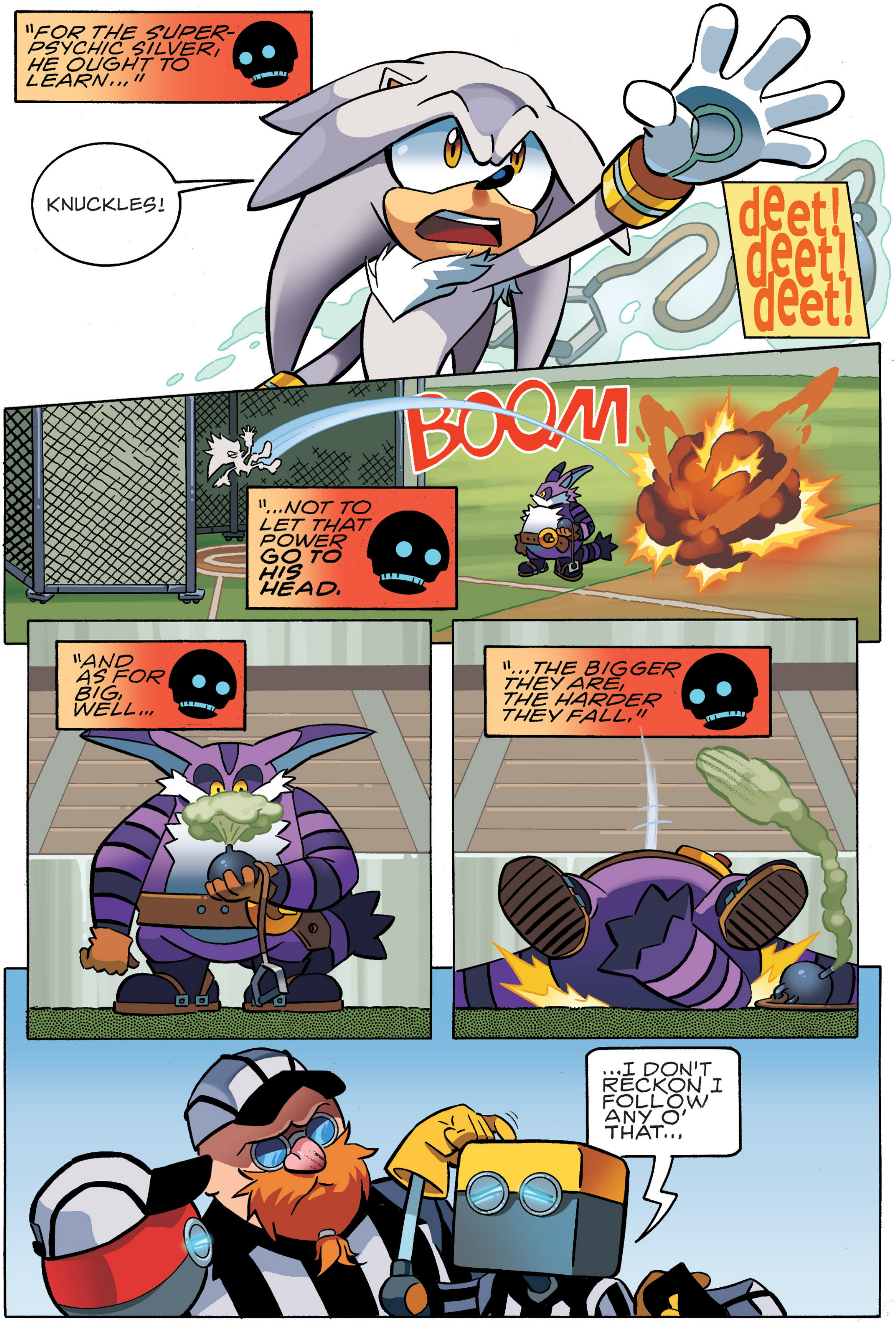
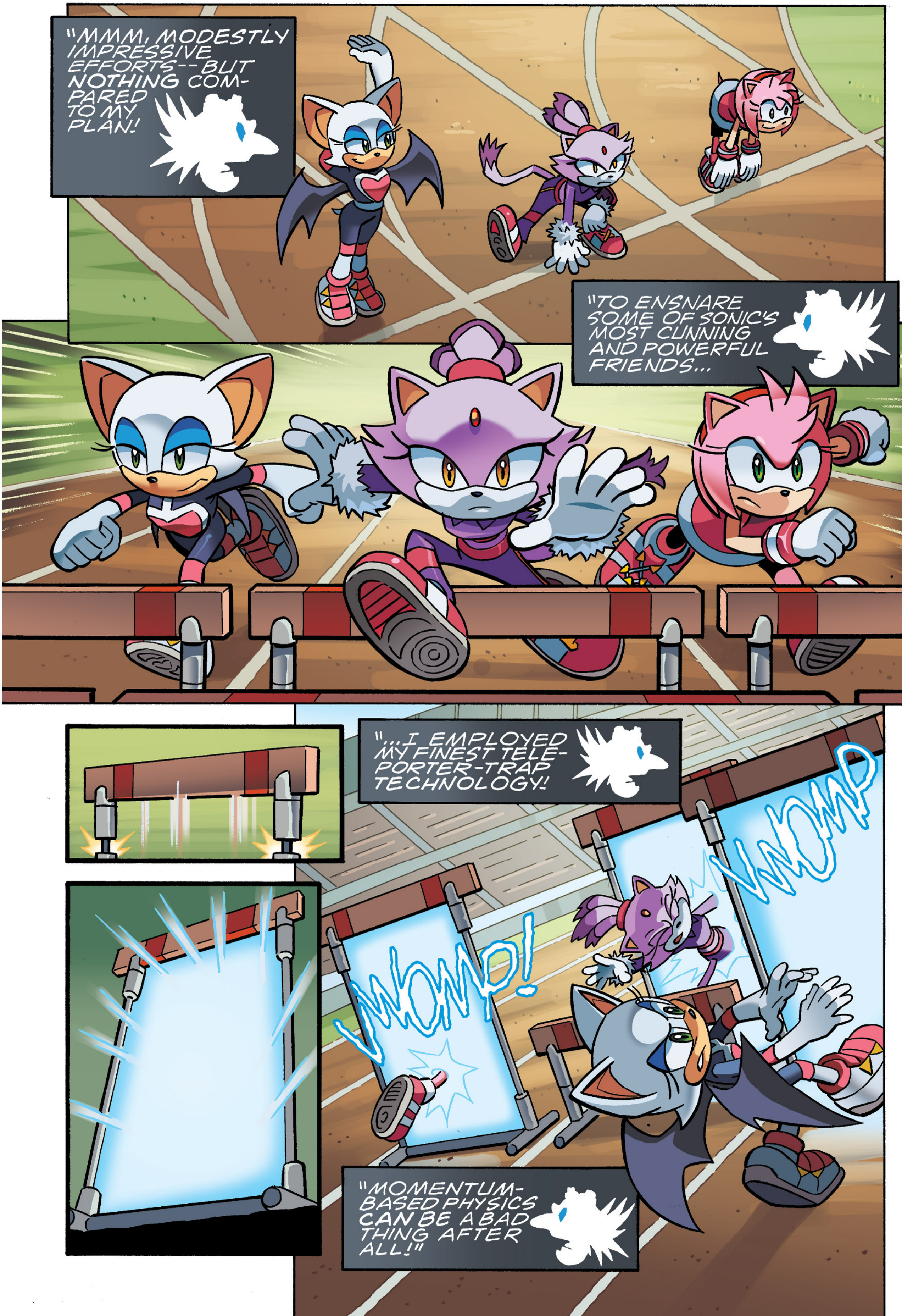
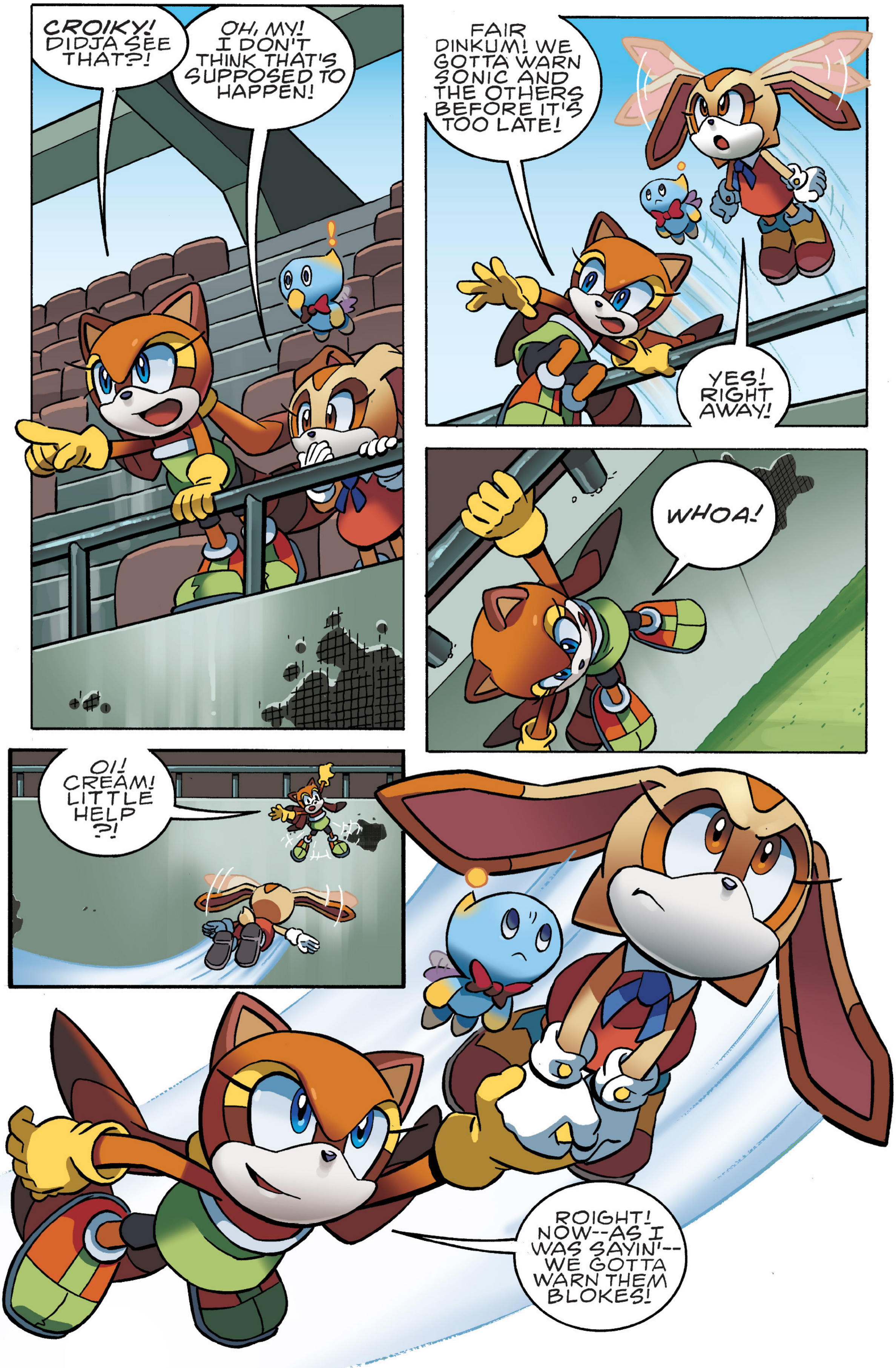

SONIC? ARE YOU OKAY? YOU ZONED OUT THERE.
HUH? OH! YEAH! DAYDREAMING OF ALL THOSE GOLD RINGS I'M GONNA WIN.
MEDALS, SONIC. YOU WIN MEDALS AT THE OLYMPICS.
RINGS, MEDALS-- WHATEVER-- SHINY GOLD ROUND THINGS.
HEH-HEH-HEH!
KEEP SAUNTERING ALONG, HEDGEHOG! LITTLE DO YOU KNOW YOU'RE WALKING RIGHT INTO MY TRAP!
YES, BUT *WHICH* TRAP, BOSS?
WE'VE SET MANY WHILE DISGUISED AS SAFETY OFFICIALS, EVEN IN EVENTS SONIC WON'T BE COMPETING IN.
DON'T BLOW YOUR COVER! AND THE TRAPS ARE FOR *ALL* THE FUZZY FOOLS OUT HERE TODAY!

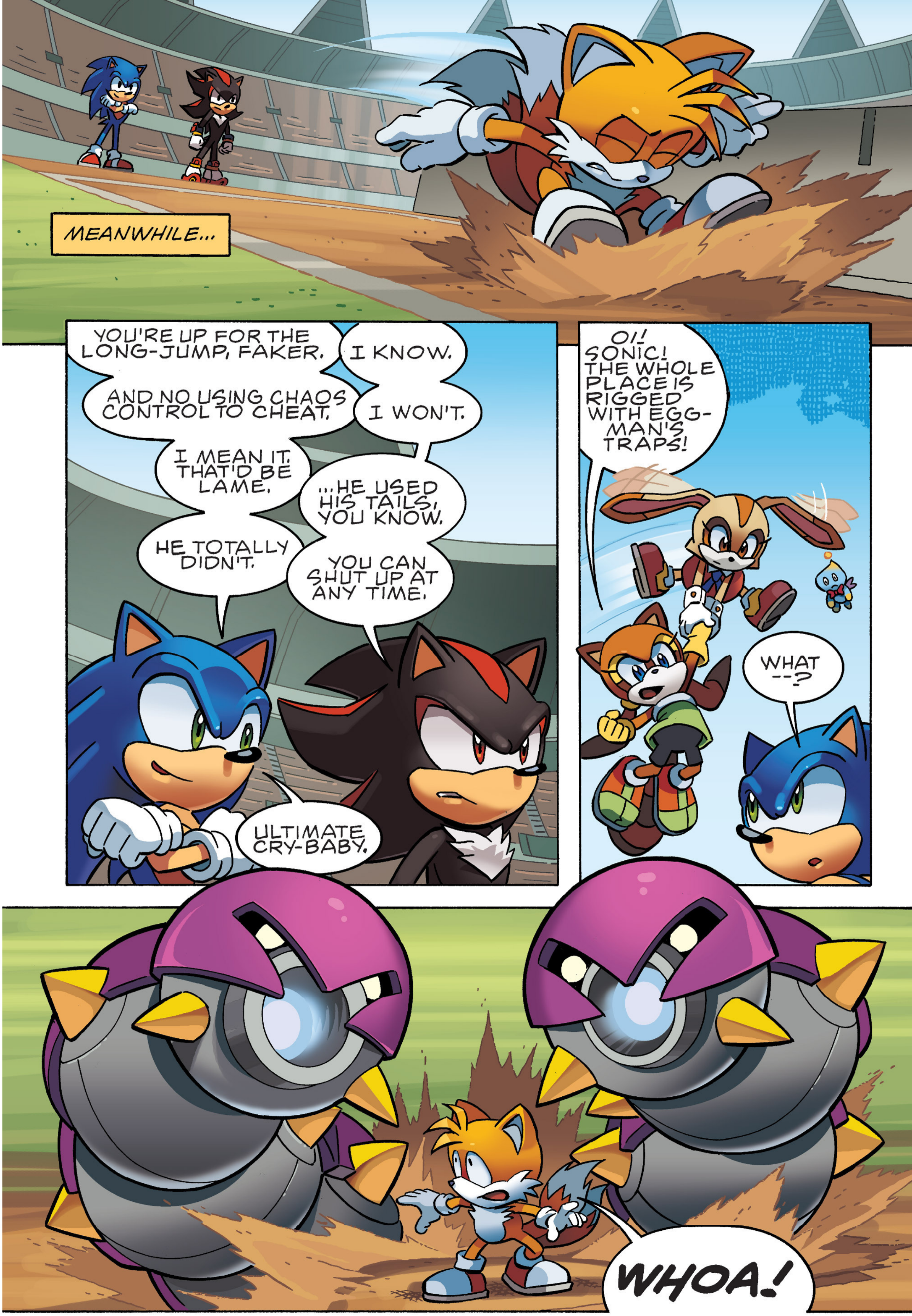

"SPEAKING OF WHICH --CUBOT! WHAT'S THE STATUS ON THE CHAOTIX?"
"WELL, BOSS, I RECKON..."
STROKE!
STROKITY-STROKE!
STROKE-STROKE-STROKE!
CHARMY! YOU'RE SUPPOSED TO SET THE RHYTHM!
I AM! THIS IS A BEAT YOU CAN DANCE TO!
SOMETHING IS STRANGE ABOUT THIS BOAT...
I'LL GIVE YOU A BEAT!
CLANG!
CLANG!
SNEAK ATTACK!
"...YOU COULD SAY THEY'RE UP A CREEK WITHOUT A PADDLE."
HELP! LET US OUT!

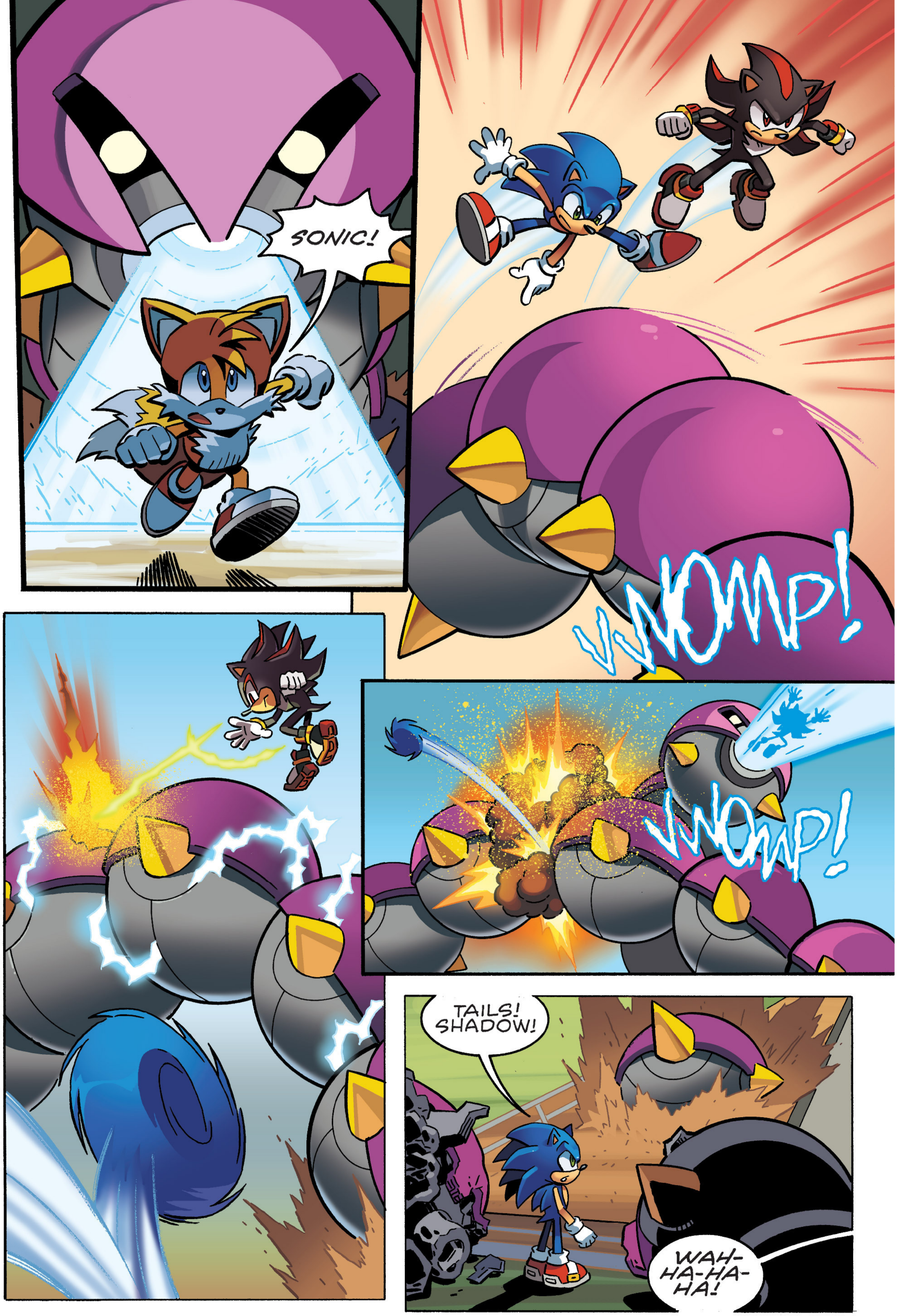

"BWA-HA-HA! EXCELLENT! AND WHAT OF THE EQUIPMENT FOR THE HAMMER-THROW?"
"I OPTED TO INCLUDE SOME DEEPER MEANINGS IN THEIR DEPLOYMENT.
"FOR INSTANCE --THE HOT-HEADED KNUCKLES..."
STEP BACK, YOU TWO. YOU DON'T WANT TO BE IN MY WAY WHEN I START SWINGIN'!
"...REALLY NEEDS TO GET A GRIP."
WHA--?!
CLONK

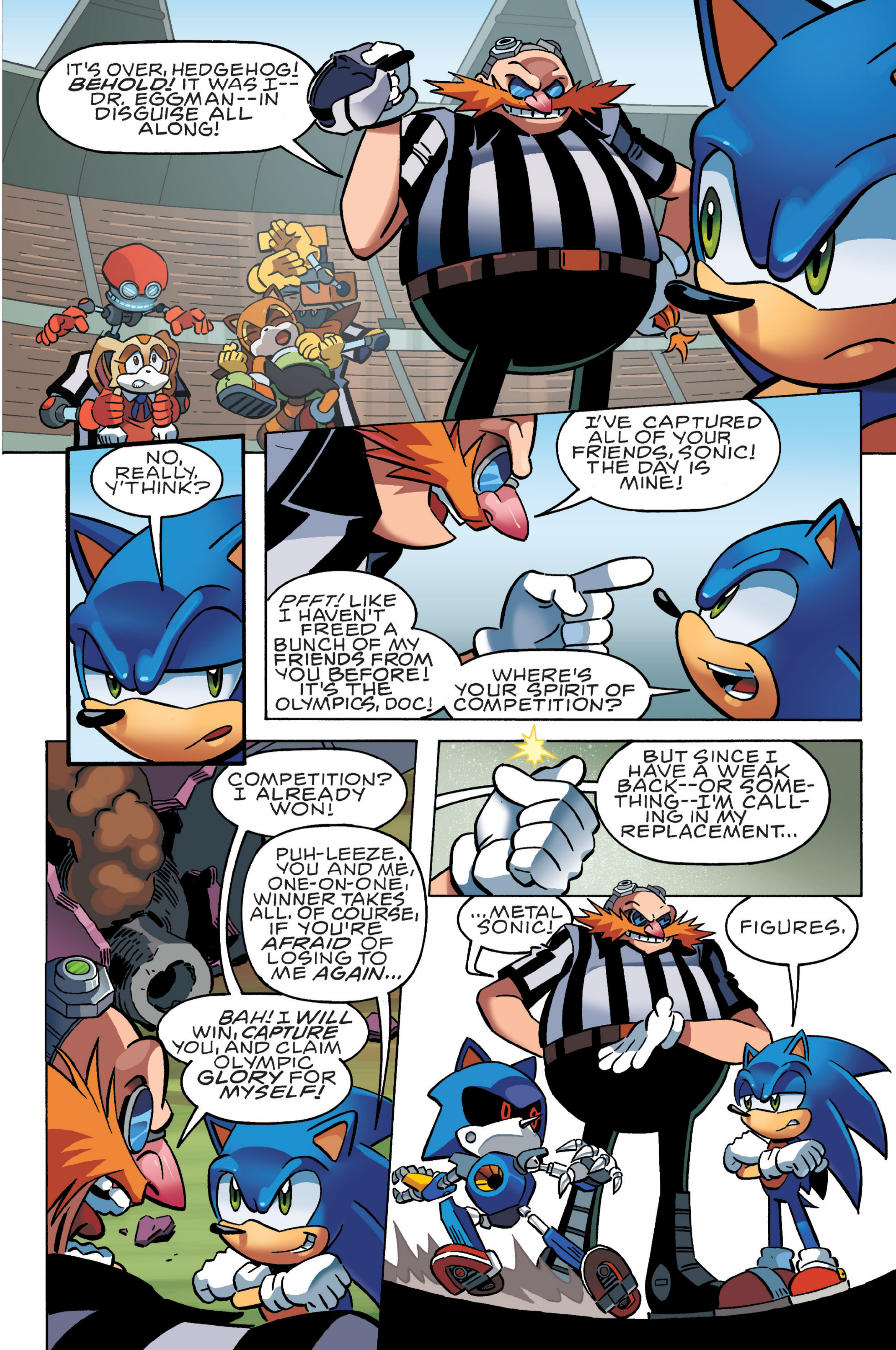

"FOR THE SUPER-PSYCHIC SILVER, HE OUGHT TO LEARN..."
KNUCKLES!
deet! deet! deet!
BOOM
"...NOT TO LET THAT POWER GO TO HIS HEAD.
"AND AS FOR BIG, WELL...
"...THE BIGGER THEY ARE, THE HARDER THEY FALL."
...I DON'T RECKON I FOLLOW ANY O' THAT...

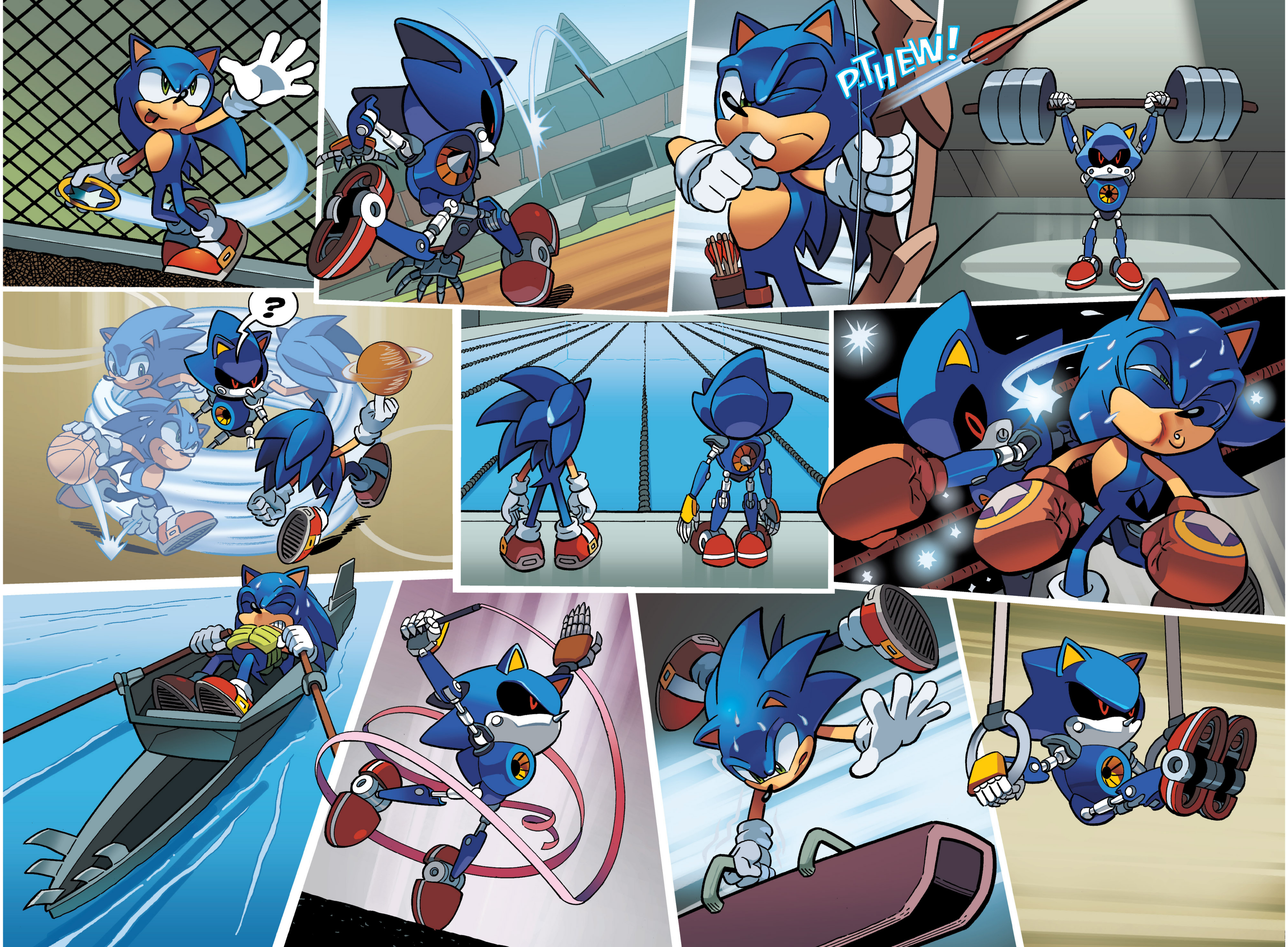

"MMM, MODESTLY IMPRESSIVE EFFORTS--BUT NOTHING COMPARED TO MY PLAN!
"TO ENSNARE SOME OF SONIC'S MOST CUNNING AND POWERFUL FRIENDS...
"...I EMPLOYED MY FINEST TELEPORTER-TRAP TECHNOLOGY!
WOMP!
WOMP
"MOMENTUM-BASED PHYSICS CAN BE A BAD THING AFTER ALL!"


CROIKY! DIDJA SEE THAT?!
OH, MY! I DON'T THINK THAT'S SUPPOSED TO HAPPEN!
FAIR DINKUM! WE GOTTA WARN SONIC AND THE OTHERS BEFORE IT'S TOO LATE!
YES! RIGHT AWAY!
WHOA!
OI! CREAM! LITTLE HELP?!
ROIGHT! NOW--AS I WAS SAYIN'--WE GOTTA WARN THEM BLOKES!


MEANWHILE...
YOU'RE UP FOR THE LONG-JUMP, FAKER.
I KNOW.
AND NO USING CHAOS CONTROL TO CHEAT.
I WON'T.
I MEAN IT. THAT'D BE LAME.
...HE USED HIS TAILS, YOU KNOW.
HE TOTALLY DIDN'T.
YOU CAN SHUT UP AT ANY TIME.
ULTIMATE CRY-BABY.
OI! SONIC! THE WHOLE PLACE IS RIGGED WITH EGG-MAN'S TRAPS!
WHAT --?
WHOA!


SONIC!
VVNOMP!
VVOMP!
TAILS! SHADOW!
WAH-HA-HA-HA!


IT'S OVER, HEDGEHOG! *BEHOLD!* IT WAS I-- DR. EGGMAN--IN DISGUISE ALL ALONG!
NO, REALLY, Y'THINK?
I'VE CAPTURED ALL OF YOUR FRIENDS, SONIC! THE DAY IS MINE!
PFFT! LIKE I HAVEN'T FREED A BUNCH OF MY FRIENDS FROM YOU BEFORE! IT'S THE OLYMPICS, DOC!
WHERE'S YOUR SPIRIT OF COMPETITION?
COMPETITION? I ALREADY WON!
PUH-LEEZE. YOU AND ME, ONE-ON-ONE, WINNER TAKES ALL. OF COURSE, IF YOU'RE *AFRAID* OF LOSING TO ME *AGAIN*...
BAH! I WILL WIN, *CAPTURE* YOU, AND CLAIM OLYMPIC *GLORY* FOR *MYSELF!*
BUT SINCE I HAVE A WEAK BACK--OR SOMETHING--I'M CALLING IN MY REPLACEMENT...
...METAL SONIC!
FIGURES.


P.THEW!
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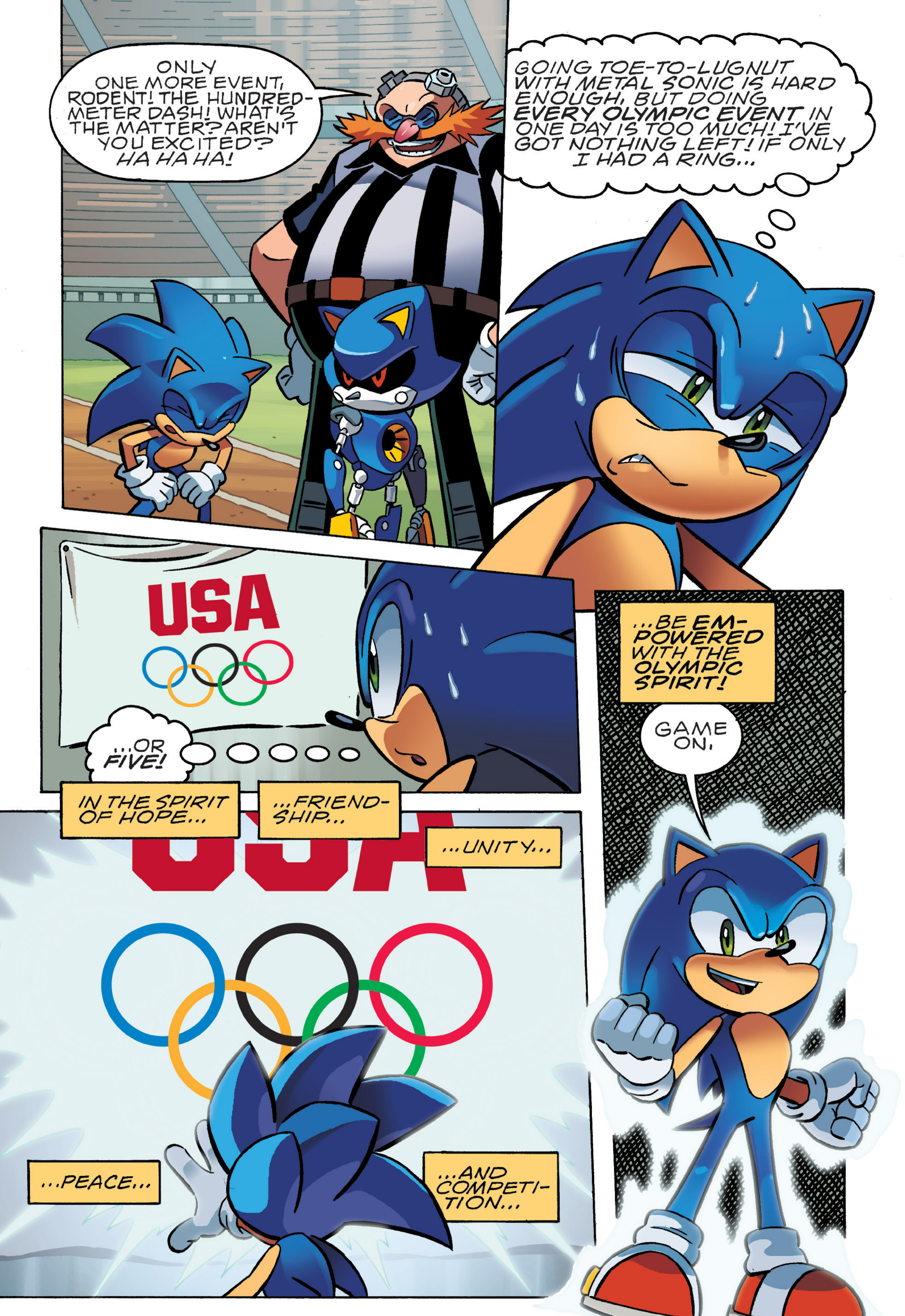
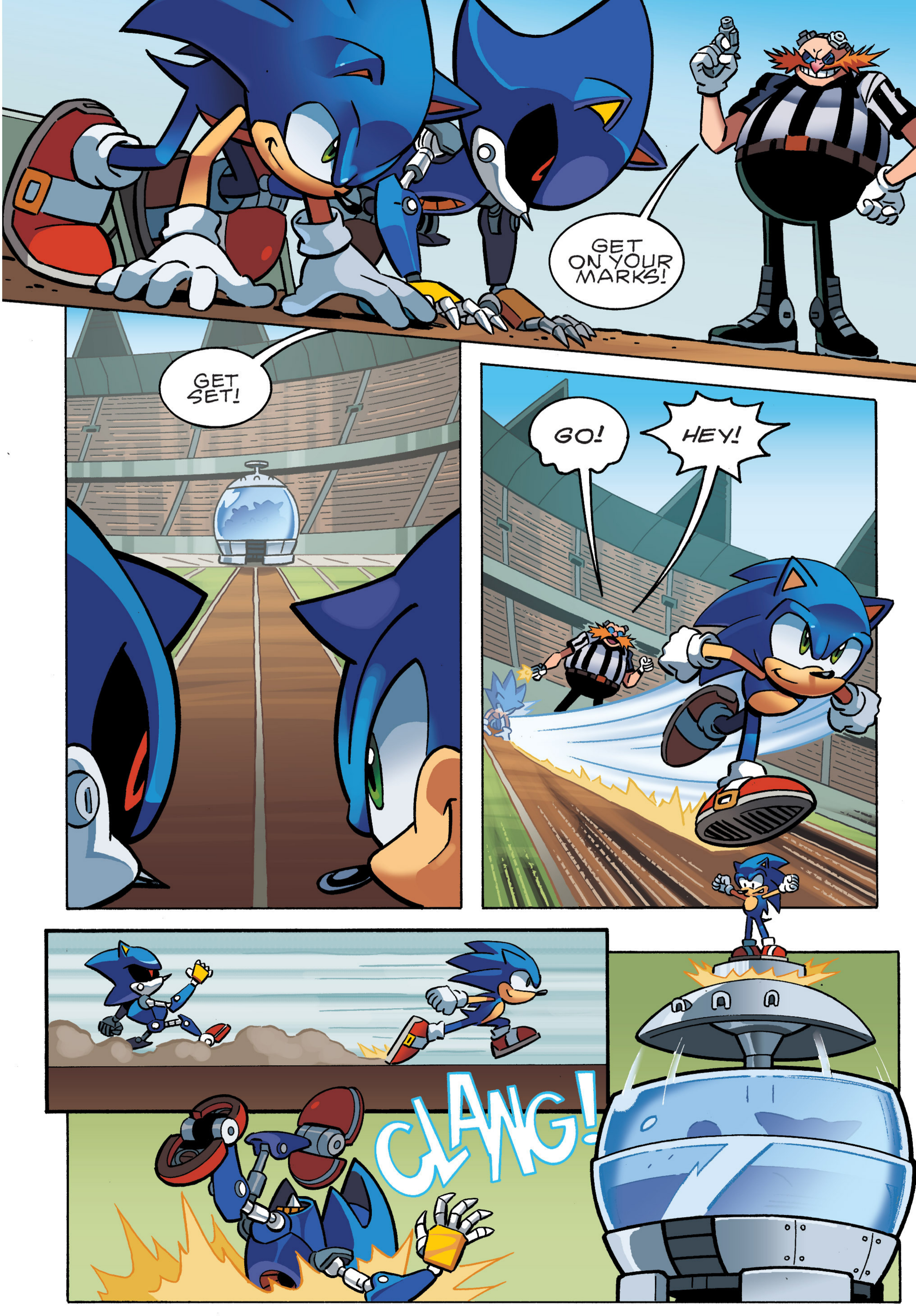
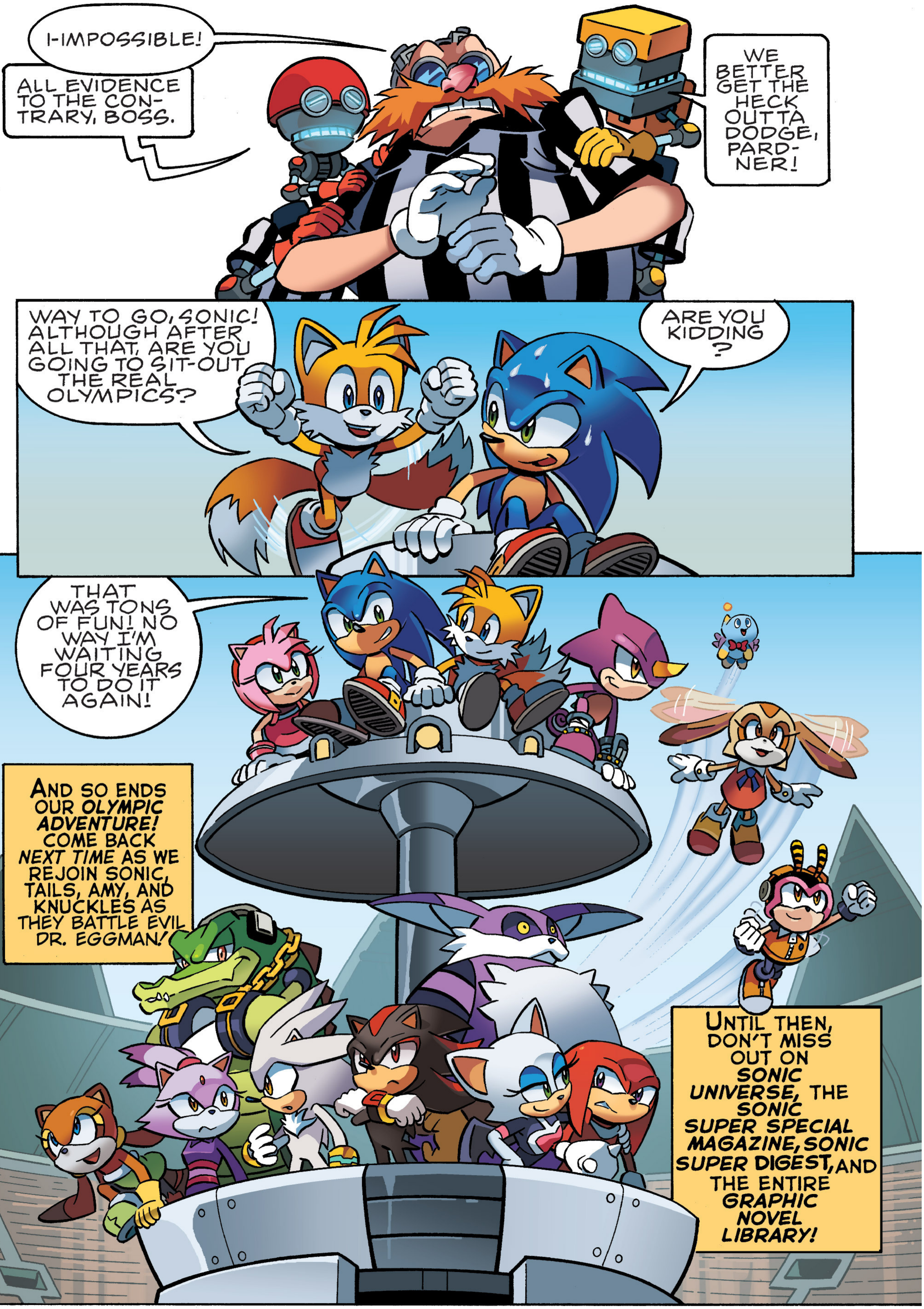
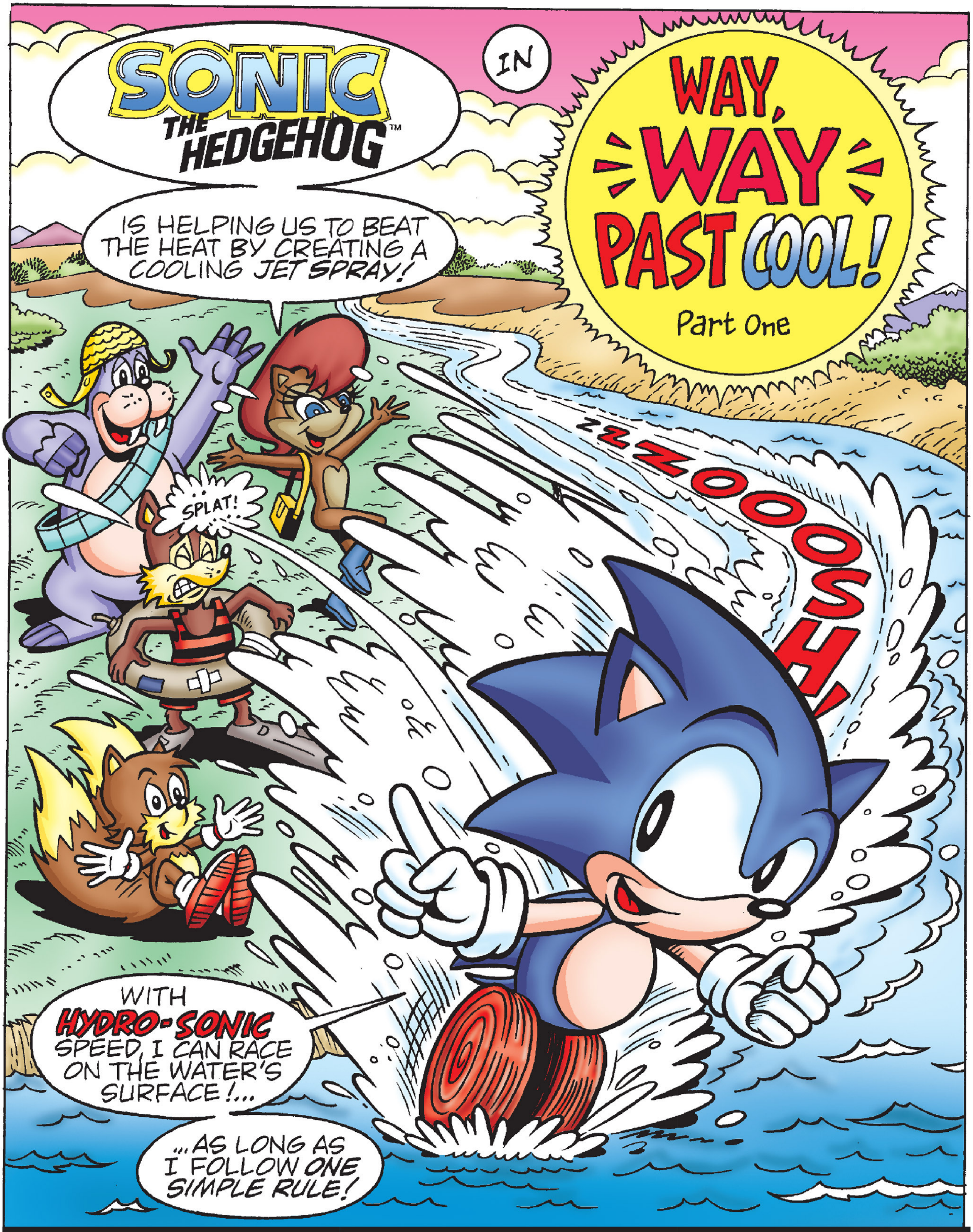

ONLY ONE MORE EVENT, RODENT! THE HUNDRED-METER DASH! WHAT'S THE MATTER? AREN'T YOU EXCITED? HA HA HA!
GOING TOE-TO-LUGNUT WITH METAL SONIC IS HARD ENOUGH, BUT DOING **EVERY OLYMPIC EVENT** IN ONE DAY IS TOO MUCH! I'VE GOT NOTHING LEFT! IF ONLY I HAD A RING...
USA
...OR *FIVE!*
IN THE SPIRIT OF HOPE...
...FRIENDSHIP...
USA
...UNITY...
...PEACE...
...AND COMPETITION...
...BE **EMPOWERED** WITH THE OLYMPIC SPIRIT!
GAME ON.


GET ON YOUR MARKS!
GET SET!
GO!
HEY!
CLANG!


I-IMPOSSIBLE!
ALL EVIDENCE TO THE CONTRARY, BOSS.
WE BETTER GET THE HECK OUTTA DODGE, PARDNER!
WAY TO GO, SONIC! ALTHOUGH AFTER ALL THAT, ARE YOU GOING TO SIT-OUT THE REAL OLYMPICS?
ARE YOU KIDDING?
THAT WAS TONS OF FUN! NO WAY I'M WAITING FOUR YEARS TO DO IT AGAIN!
AND SO ENDS OUR OLYMPIC ADVENTURE! COME BACK NEXT TIME AS WE REJOIN SONIC, TAILS, AMY, AND KNUCKLES AS THEY BATTLE EVIL DR. EGGMAN!
UNTIL THEN, DON'T MISS OUT ON SONIC UNIVERSE, THE SONIC SUPER SPECIAL MAGAZINE, SONIC SUPER DIGEST, AND THE ENTIRE GRAPHIC NOVEL LIBRARY!


SONIC THE HEDGEHOG™
IN
WAY, WAY PAST COOL!
Part One
IS HELPING US TO BEAT THE HEAT BY CREATING A COOLING JET SPRAY!
SPLAT!
ZZZOOOOSH!
WITH HYDRO-SONIC SPEED I CAN RACE ON THE WATER'S SURFACE!...
...AS LONG AS I FOLLOW ONE SIMPLE RULE!

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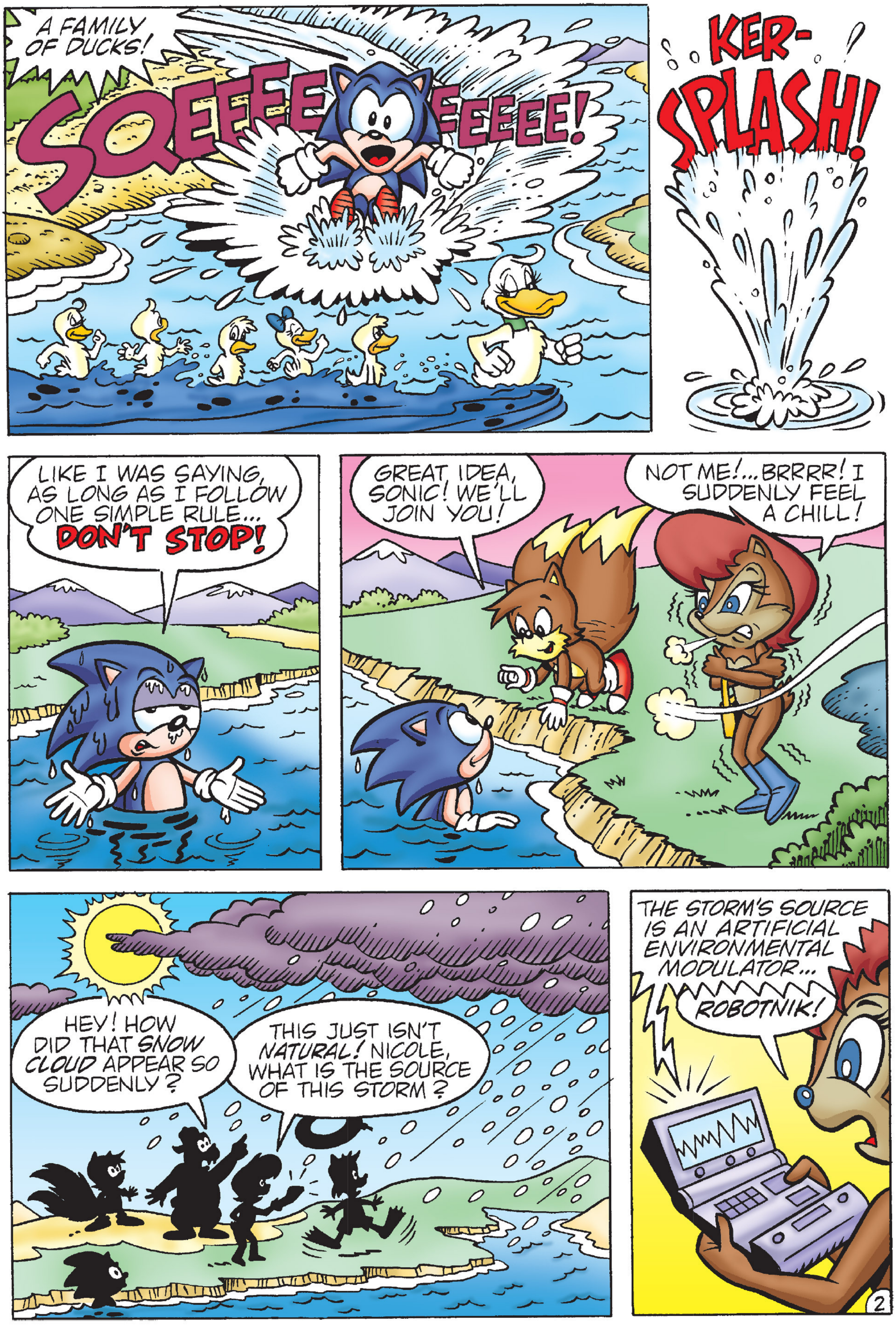
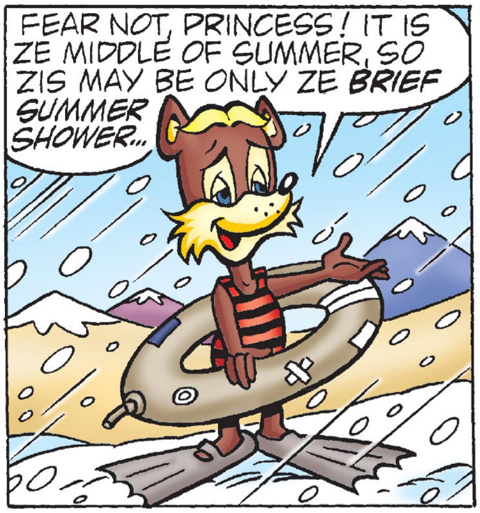
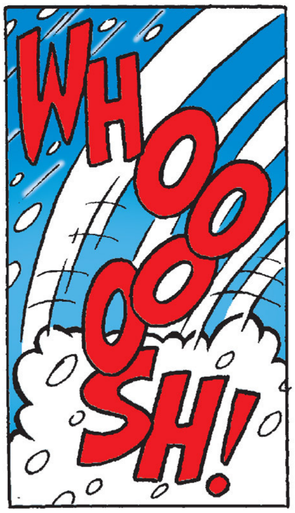
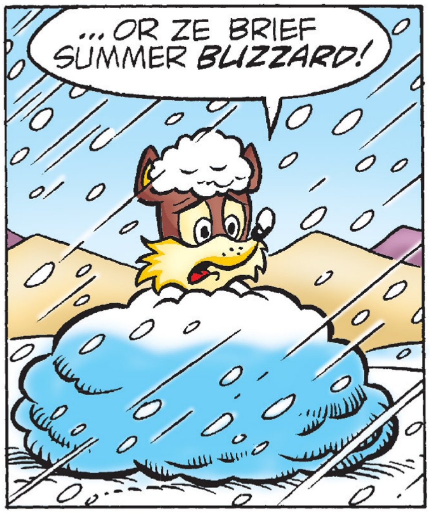
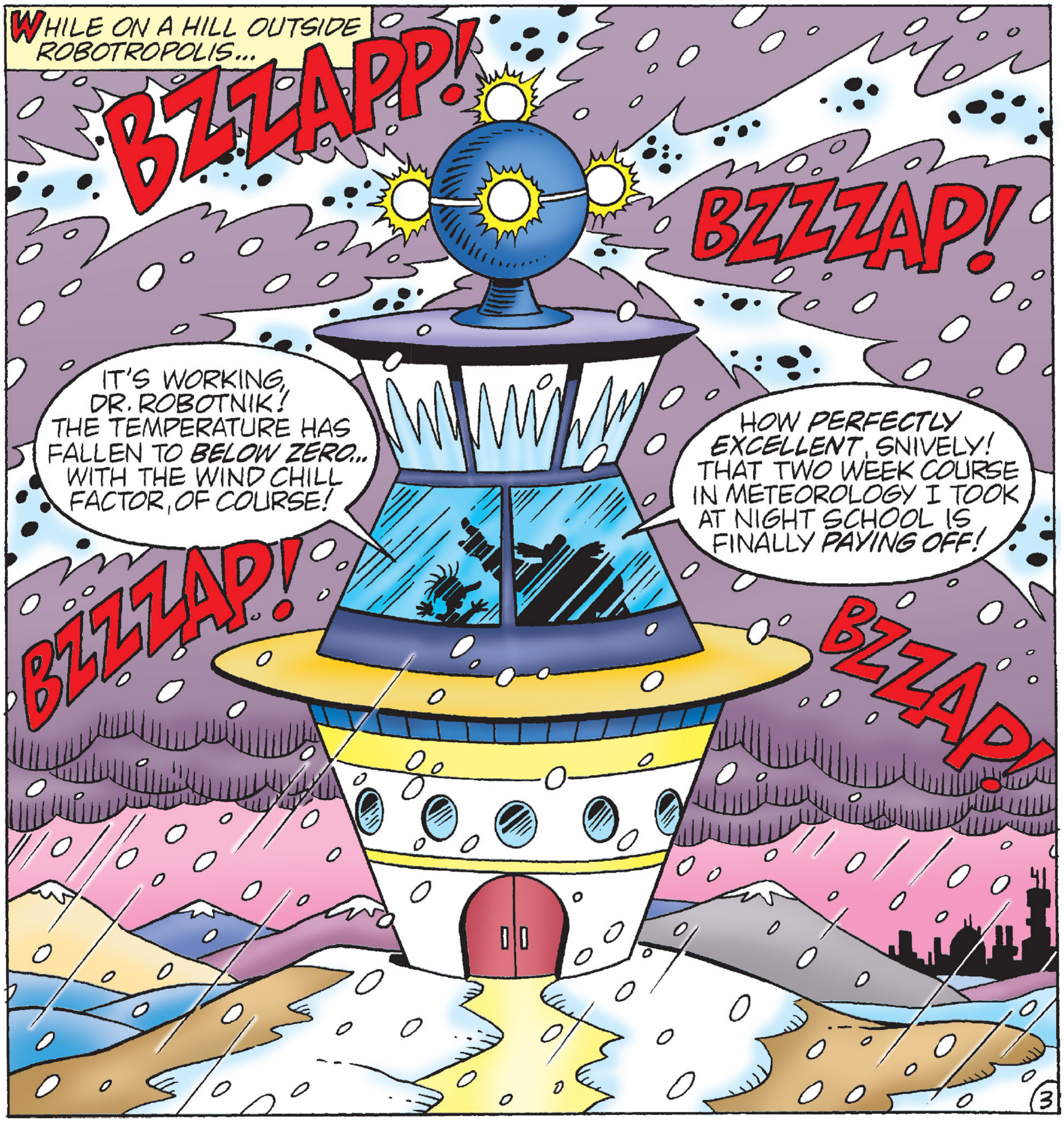
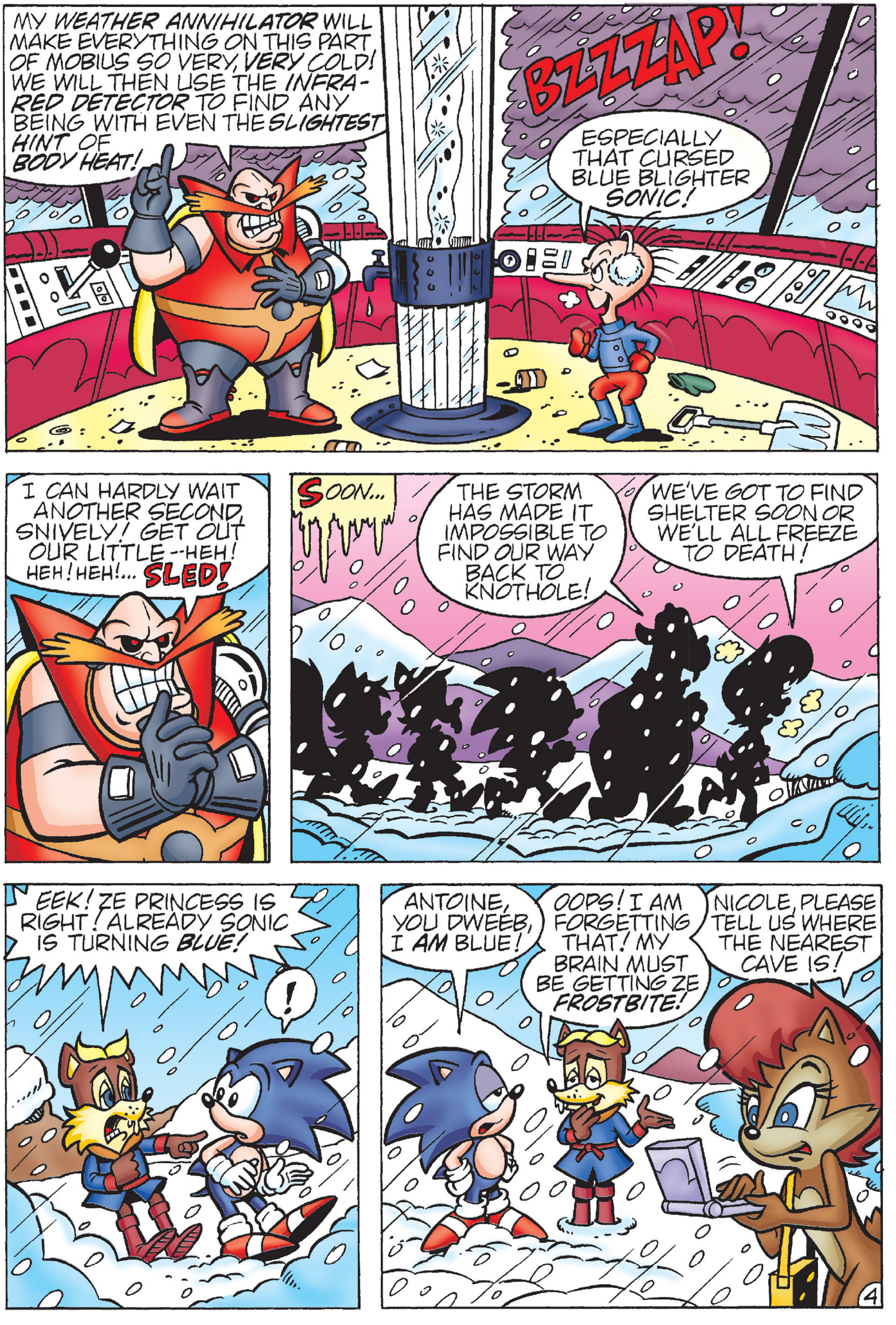

A FAMILY OF DUCKS!
SQEEEEEEEEEE!
KER-SPLASH!
LIKE I WAS SAYING, AS LONG AS I FOLLOW ONE SIMPLE RULE... DON'T STOP!
GREAT IDEA, SONIC! WE'LL JOIN YOU!
NOT ME!...BRRRR! I SUDDENLY FEEL A CHILL!
HEY! HOW DID THAT SNOW CLOUD APPEAR SO SUDDENLY?
THIS JUST ISN'T NATURAL! NICOLE, WHAT IS THE SOURCE OF THIS STORM?
THE STORM'S SOURCE IS AN ARTIFICIAL ENVIRONMENTAL MODULATOR...
ROBOTNIK!

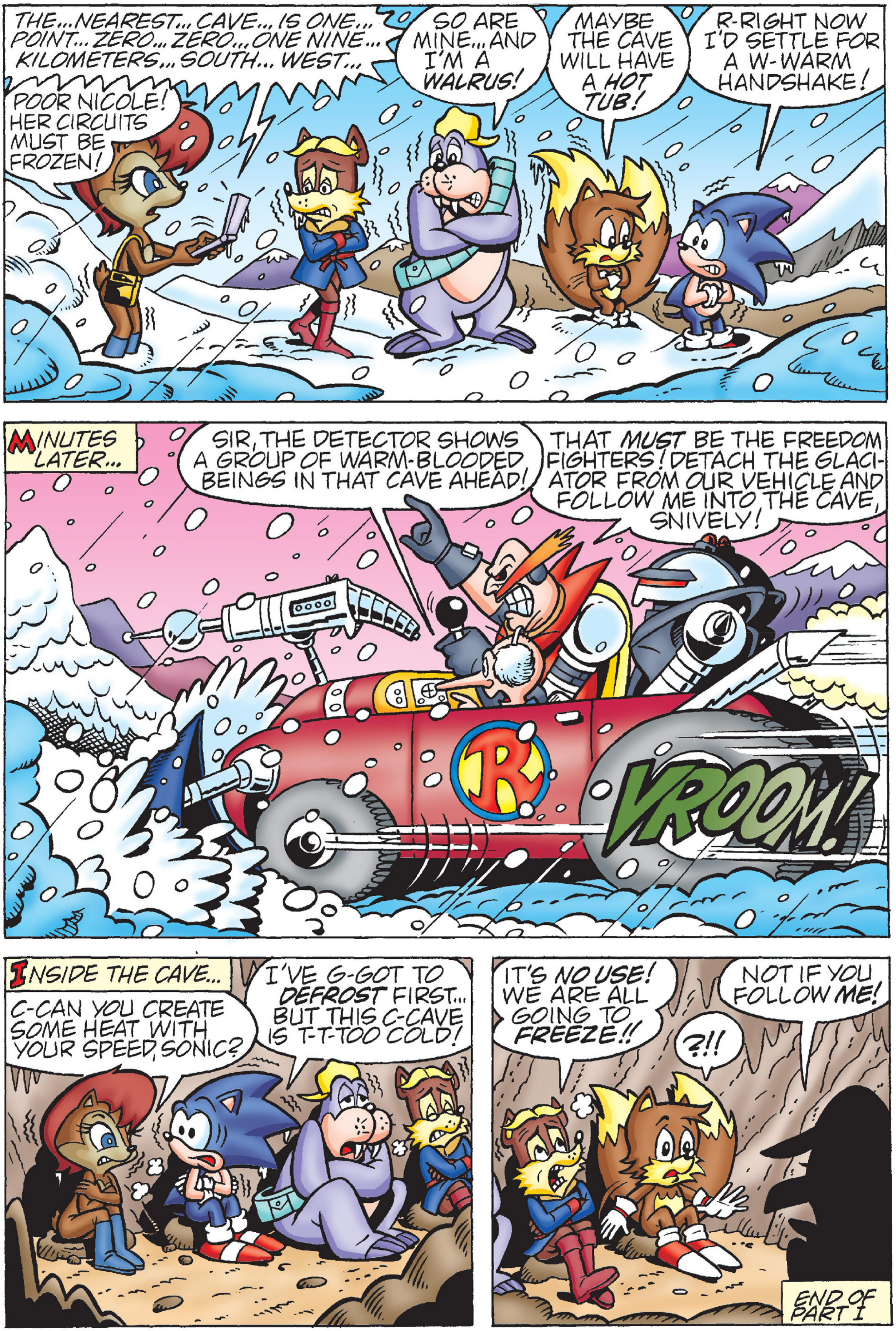

FEAR NOT, PRINCESS! IT IS ZE MIDDLE OF SUMMER, SO ZIS MAY BE ONLY ZE **BRIEF SUMMER SHOWER**...

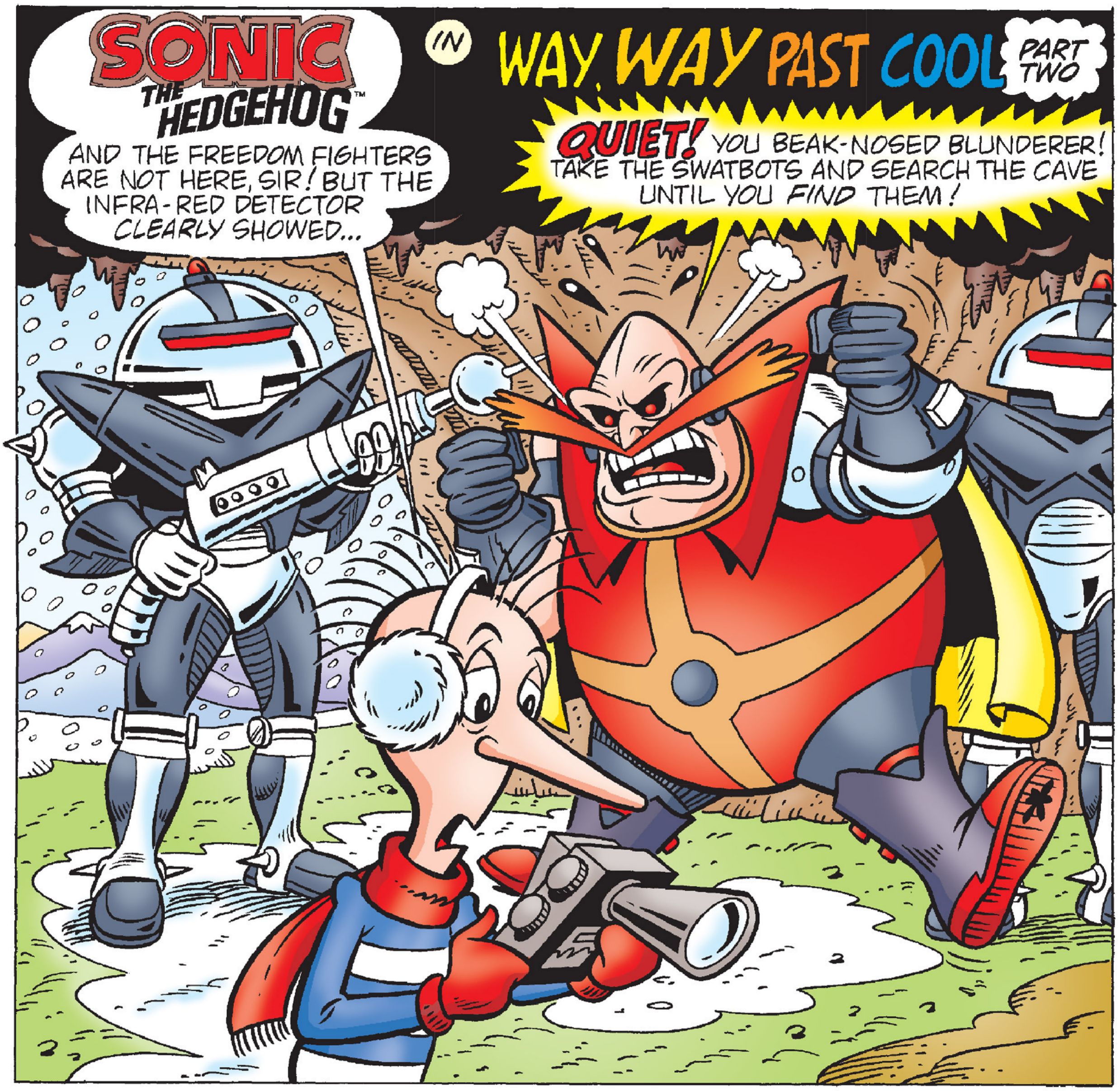

WHOOOOOOSH!


...OR ZE BRIEF SUMMER **BLIZZARD**!


WHILE ON A HILL OUTSIDE ROBOTROPOLIS...
BZZAPP!
BZZZAP!
IT'S WORKING, DR. ROBOTNIK! THE TEMPERATURE HAS FALLEN TO *BELOW ZERO*.. WITH THE WIND CHILL FACTOR, OF COURSE!
HOW *PERFECTLY EXCELLENT*, SNIVELY! THAT TWO WEEK COURSE IN METEOROLOGY I TOOK AT NIGHT SCHOOL IS FINALLY *PAYING OFF*!
BZZZAP!
BZZAP!


MY WEATHER ANNIHILATOR WILL MAKE EVERYTHING ON THIS PART OF MOBIUS SO VERY, VERY COLD! WE WILL THEN USE THE INFRA-RED DETECTOR TO FIND ANY BEING WITH EVEN THE SLIGHTEST HINT OF BODY HEAT!
BZZZAP!
ESPECIALLY THAT CURSED BLUE BLIGHTER SONIC!
I CAN HARDLY WAIT ANOTHER SECOND, SNIVELY! GET OUT OUR LITTLE--HEH! HEH! HEH!... SLED!
SOON...
THE STORM HAS MADE IT IMPOSSIBLE TO FIND OUR WAY BACK TO KNOTHOLE!
WE'VE GOT TO FIND SHELTER SOON OR WE'LL ALL FREEZE TO DEATH!
EEK! ZE PRINCESS IS RIGHT! ALREADY SONIC IS TURNING BLUE!
!
ANTOINE, YOU DWEEB, I AM BLUE!
OOPS! I AM FORGETTING THAT! MY BRAIN MUST BE GETTING ZE FROSTBITE!
NICOLE, PLEASE TELL US WHERE THE NEAREST CAVE IS!


THE...NEAREST...CAVE...IS ONE...POINT...ZERO...ZERO...ONE NINE...KILOMETERS...SOUTH...WEST...
POOR NICOLE! HER CIRCUITS MUST BE FROZEN!
SO ARE MINE...AND I'M A WALRUS!
MAYBE THE CAVE WILL HAVE A HOT TUB!
R-RIGHT NOW I'D SETTLE FOR A W-WARM HANDSHAKE!
MINUTES LATER...
SIR, THE DETECTOR SHOWS A GROUP OF WARM-BLOODED BEINGS IN THAT CAVE AHEAD!
THAT MUST BE THE FREEDOM FIGHTERS! DETACH THE GLACIATOR FROM OUR VEHICLE AND FOLLOW ME INTO THE CAVE, SNIVELY!
R
VROOM!
INSIDE THE CAVE...
C-CAN YOU CREATE SOME HEAT WITH YOUR SPEED, SONIC?
I'VE G-GOT TO DEFROST FIRST... BUT THIS C-CAVE IS T-T-TOO COLD!
IT'S NO USE! WE ARE ALL GOING TO FREEZE!!
?!!
NOT IF YOU FOLLOW ME!
END OF PART I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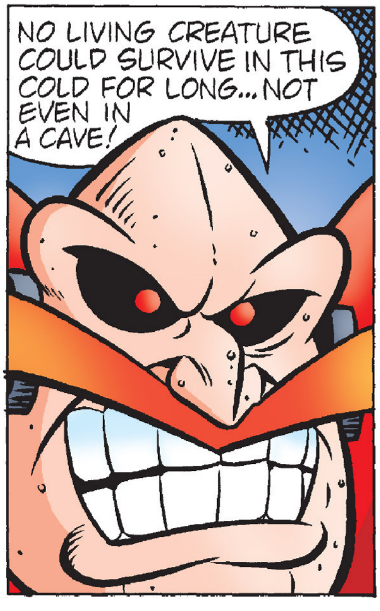
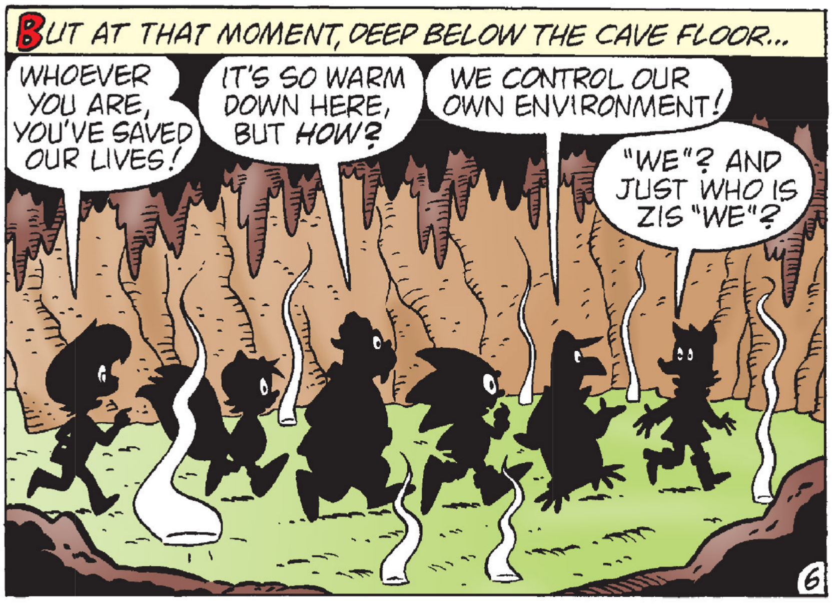
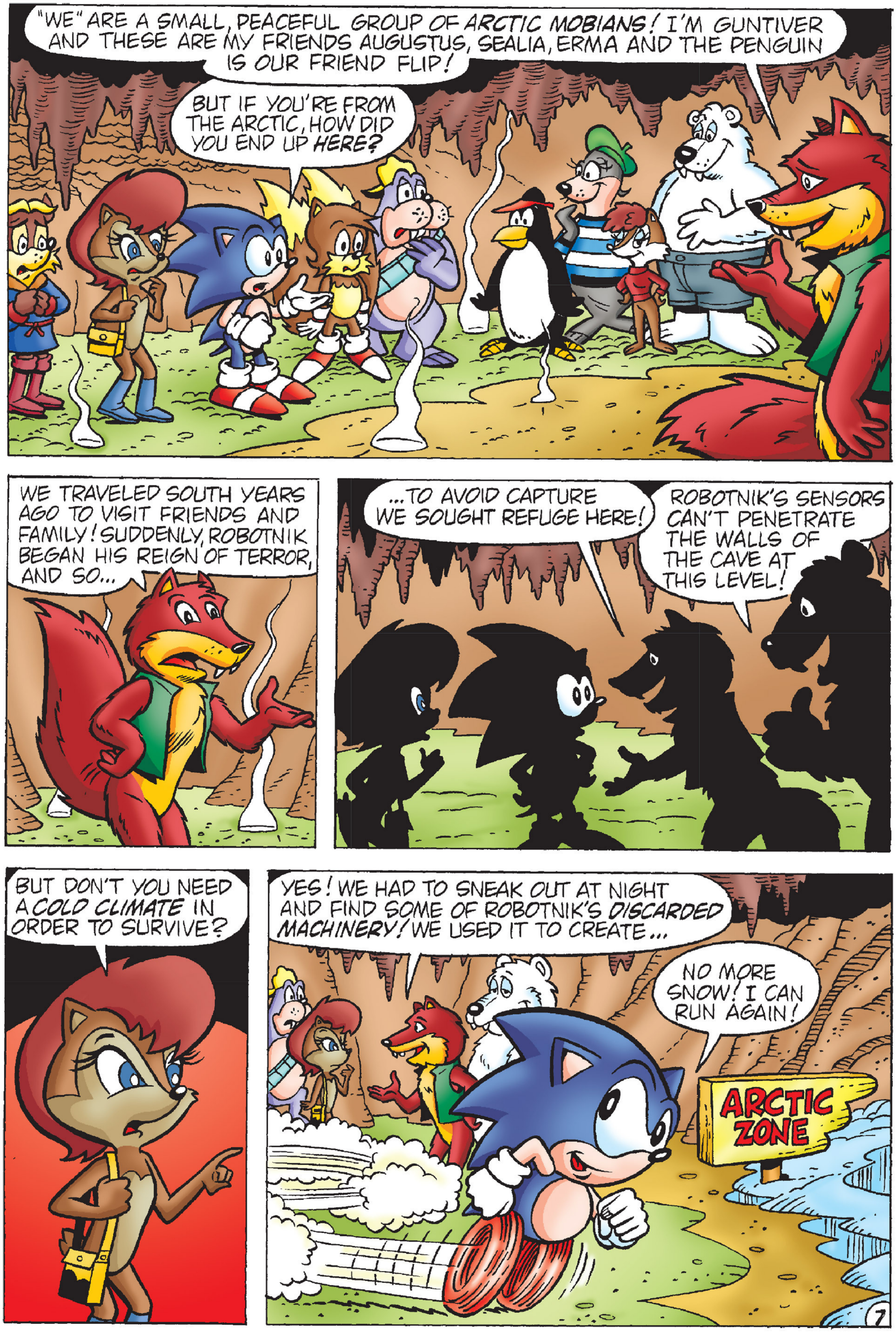
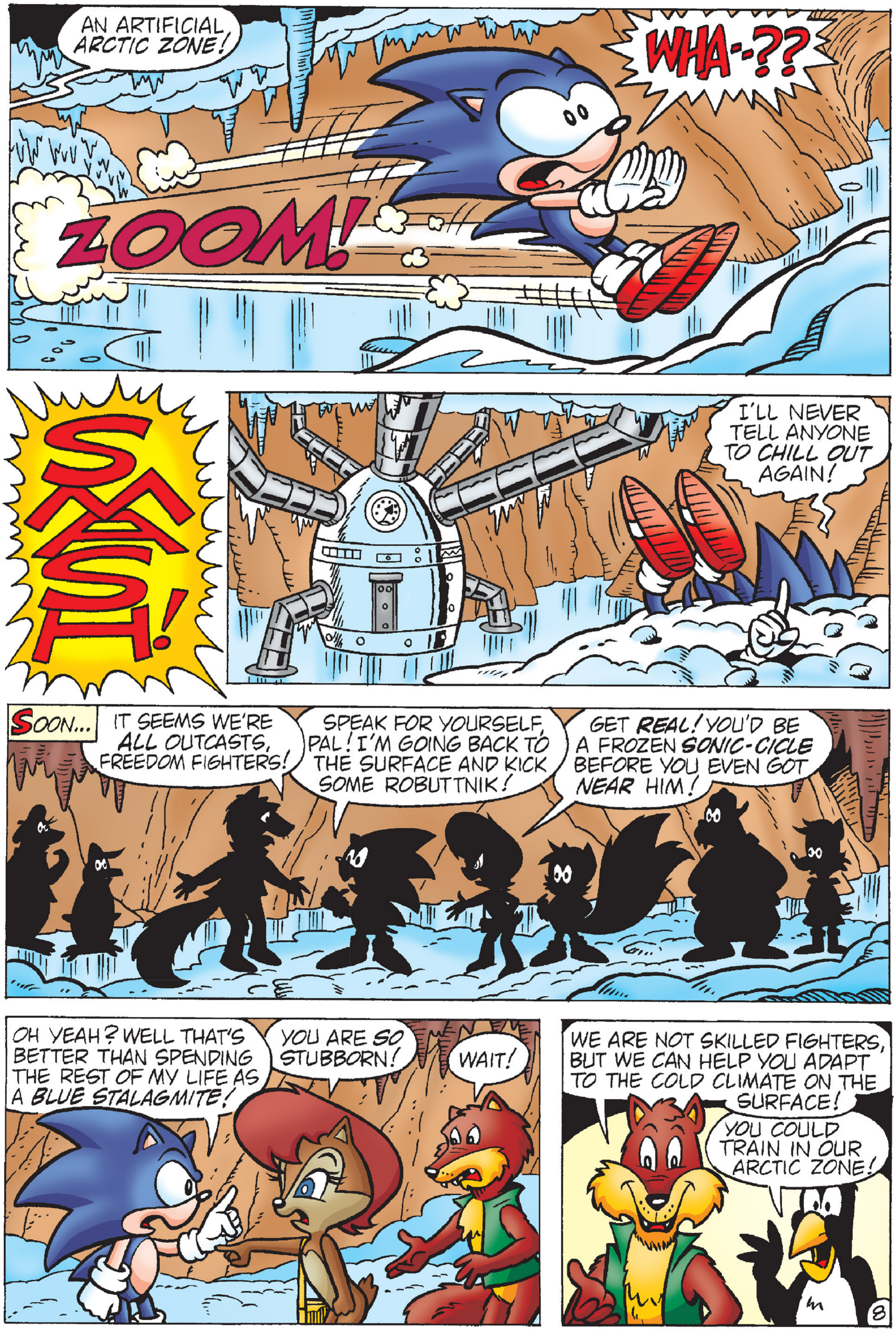
IN
WAY, WAY PAST COOL PART TWO
AND THE FREEDOM FIGHTERS ARE NOT HERE, SIR! BUT THE INFRA-RED DETECTOR CLEARLY SHOWED...
QUIET! YOU BEAK-NOSED BLUNDERER! TAKE THE SWATBOTS AND SEARCH THE CAVE UNTIL YOU FIND THEM!


NO LIVING CREATURE COULD SURVIVE IN THIS COLD FOR LONG... NOT EVEN IN A CAVE!


BUT AT THAT MOMENT, DEEP BELOW THE CAVE FLOOR...
WHOEVER YOU ARE, YOU'VE SAVED OUR LIVES!
IT'S SO WARM DOWN HERE, BUT HOW?
WE CONTROL OUR OWN ENVIRONMENT!
"WE"? AND JUST WHO IS ZIS "WE"?


"WE" ARE A SMALL, PEACEFUL GROUP OF ARCTIC MOBIANS! I'M GUNTIVER AND THESE ARE MY FRIENDS AUGUSTUS, SEALIA, ERMA AND THE PENGUIN IS OUR FRIEND FLIP!
BUT IF YOU'RE FROM THE ARCTIC, HOW DID YOU END UP HERE?
WE TRAVELED SOUTH YEARS AGO TO VISIT FRIENDS AND FAMILY! SUDDENLY, ROBOTNIK BEGAN HIS REIGN OF TERROR, AND SO...
...TO AVOID CAPTURE WE SOUGHT REFUGE HERE!
ROBOTNIK'S SENSORS CAN'T PENETRATE THE WALLS OF THE CAVE AT THIS LEVEL!
BUT DON'T YOU NEED A COLD CLIMATE IN ORDER TO SURVIVE?
YES! WE HAD TO SNEAK OUT AT NIGHT AND FIND SOME OF ROBOTNIK'S DISCARDED MACHINERY! WE USED IT TO CREATE...
NO MORE SNOW! I CAN RUN AGAIN!
ARCTIC ZONE


AN ARTIFICIAL ARCTIC ZONE!
WHA--??
ZOOM!
SMASH!
I'LL NEVER TELL ANYONE TO CHILL OUT AGAIN!
SOON...
IT SEEMS WE'RE ALL OUTCASTS, FREEDOM FIGHTERS!
SPEAK FOR YOURSELF, PAL! I'M GOING BACK TO THE SURFACE AND KICK SOME ROBUTTNIK!
GET REAL! YOU'D BE A FROZEN SONIC-CICLE BEFORE YOU EVEN GOT NEAR HIM!
OH YEAH? WELL THAT'S BETTER THAN SPENDING THE REST OF MY LIFE AS A BLUE STALAGMITE!
YOU ARE SO STUBBORN!
WAIT!
WE ARE NOT SKILLED FIGHTERS, BUT WE CAN HELP YOU ADAPT TO THE COLD CLIMATE ON THE SURFACE!
YOU COULD TRAIN IN OUR ARCTIC ZONE!
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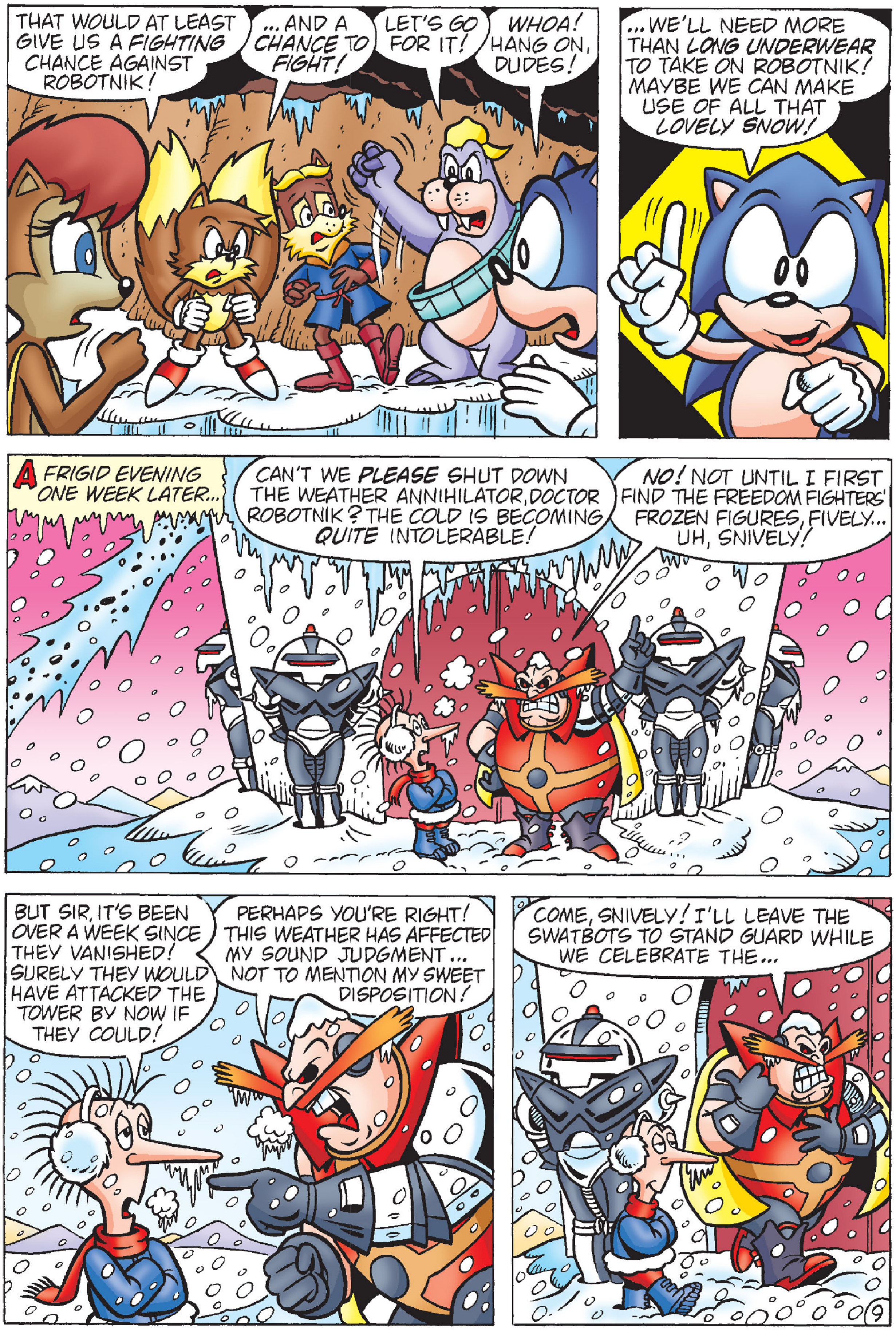
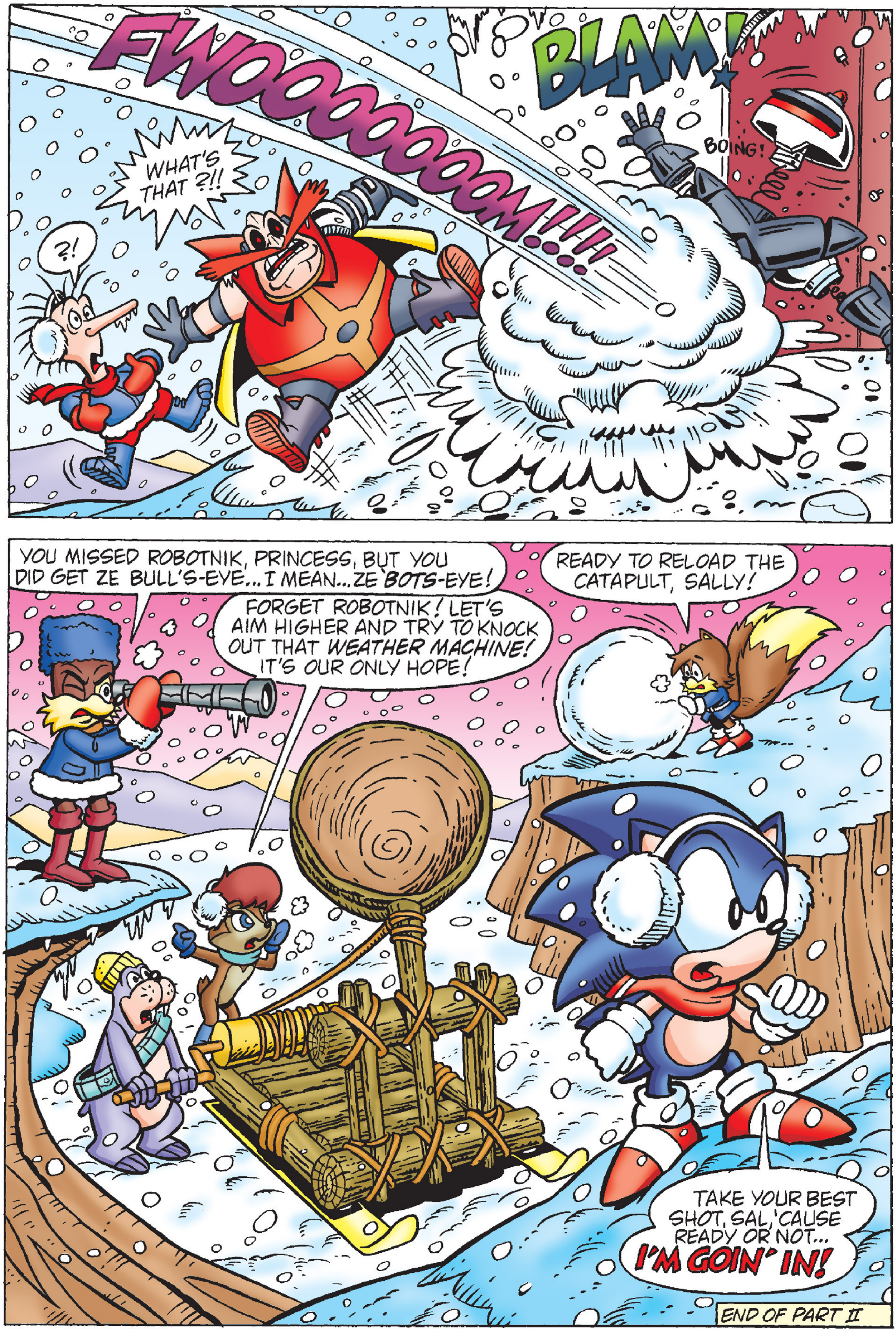
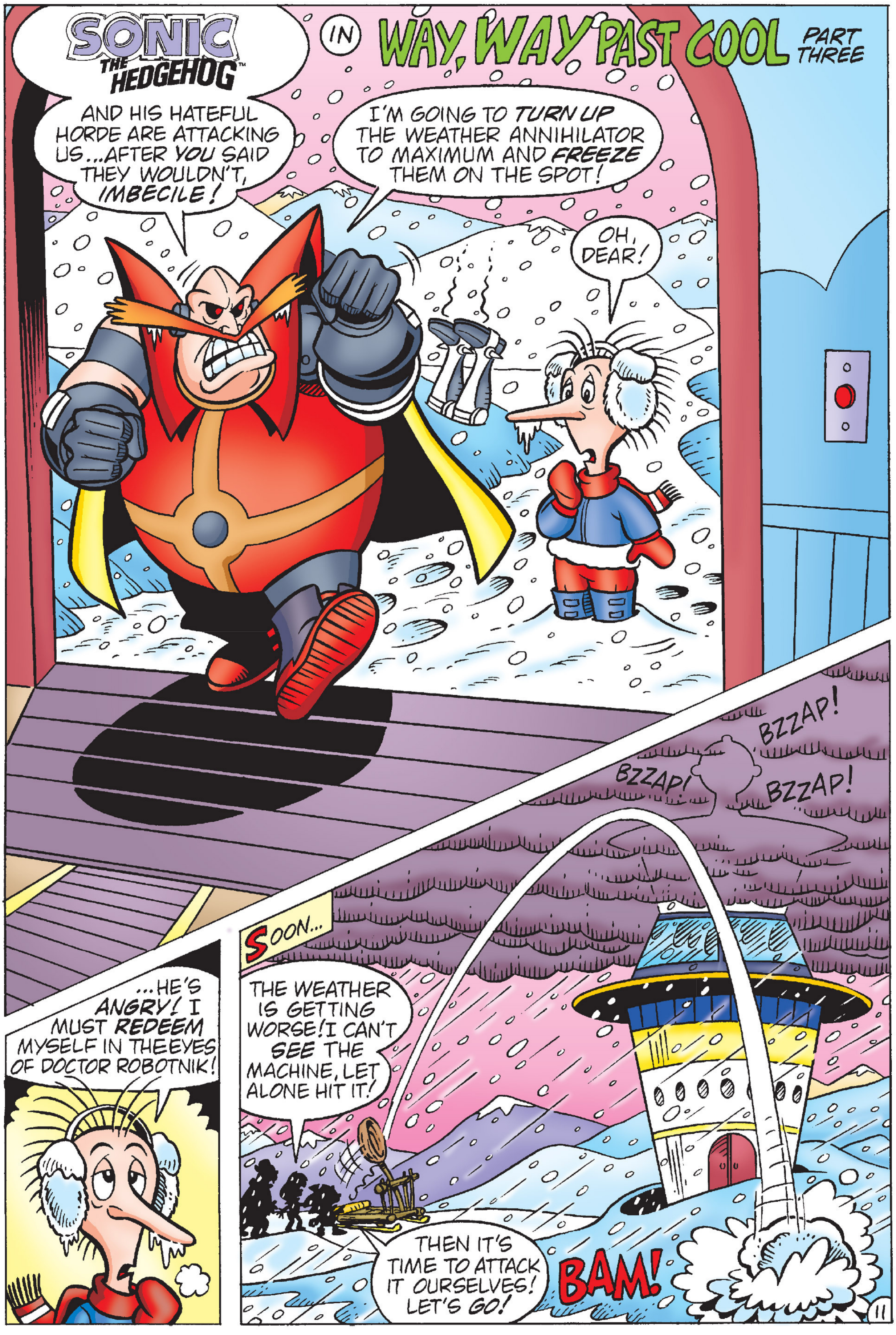

THAT WOULD AT LEAST GIVE US A *FIGHTING* CHANCE AGAINST ROBOTNIK!
...AND A *CHANCE* TO *FIGHT!*
LET'S GO FOR IT!
WHOA! HANG ON, DUDES!
...WE'LL NEED MORE THAN *LONG UNDERWEAR* TO TAKE ON ROBOTNIK! MAYBE WE CAN MAKE USE OF ALL THAT *LOVELY SNOW!*
A FRIGID EVENING ONE WEEK LATER...
CAN'T WE ***PLEASE*** SHUT DOWN THE WEATHER ANNIHILATOR, DOCTOR ROBOTNIK? THE COLD IS BECOMING *QUITE* INTOLERABLE!
NO! NOT UNTIL I FIRST FIND THE FREEDOM FIGHTERS' FROZEN FIGURES, FIVELY... UH, SNIVELY!
BUT SIR, IT'S BEEN OVER A WEEK SINCE THEY VANISHED! SURELY THEY WOULD HAVE ATTACKED THE TOWER BY NOW IF THEY COULD!
PERHAPS YOU'RE RIGHT! THIS WEATHER HAS AFFECTED MY SOUND JUDGMENT... NOT TO MENTION MY SWEET DISPOSITION!
COME, SNIVELY! I'LL LEAVE THE SWATBOTS TO STAND GUARD WHILE WE CELEBRATE THE...


FWOOOOOOOM!!!!!
BLAM!
WHAT'S THAT ?!!
?!
BOING!
YOU MISSED ROBOTNIK, PRINCESS, BUT YOU DID GET ZE BULL'S-EYE... I MEAN... ZE 'BOTS-EYE!
FORGET ROBOTNIK! LET'S AIM HIGHER AND TRY TO KNOCK OUT THAT WEATHER MACHINE! IT'S OUR ONLY HOPE!
READY TO RELOAD THE CATAPULT, SALLY!
TAKE YOUR BEST SHOT, SAL, 'CAUSE READY OR NOT... I'M GOIN' IN!
END OF PART II


SONIC THE HEDGEHOG™ IN WAY, WAY PAST COOL PART THREE
AND HIS HATEFUL HORDE ARE ATTACKING US...AFTER *YOU* SAID THEY WOULDN'T, *IMBECILE!*
I'M GOING TO *TURN UP* THE WEATHER ANNIHILATOR TO MAXIMUM AND *FREEZE* THEM ON THE SPOT!
OH, DEAR!
...HE'S *ANGRY!* I MUST *REDEEM* MYSELF IN THE EYES OF DOCTOR ROBOTNIK!
BZZAP!
BZZAP!
BZZAP!
SOON...
THE WEATHER IS GETTING WORSE! I CAN'T *SEE* THE MACHINE, LET ALONE HIT IT!
THEN IT'S TIME TO ATTACK IT OURSELVES! LET'S *GO!*
BAM!

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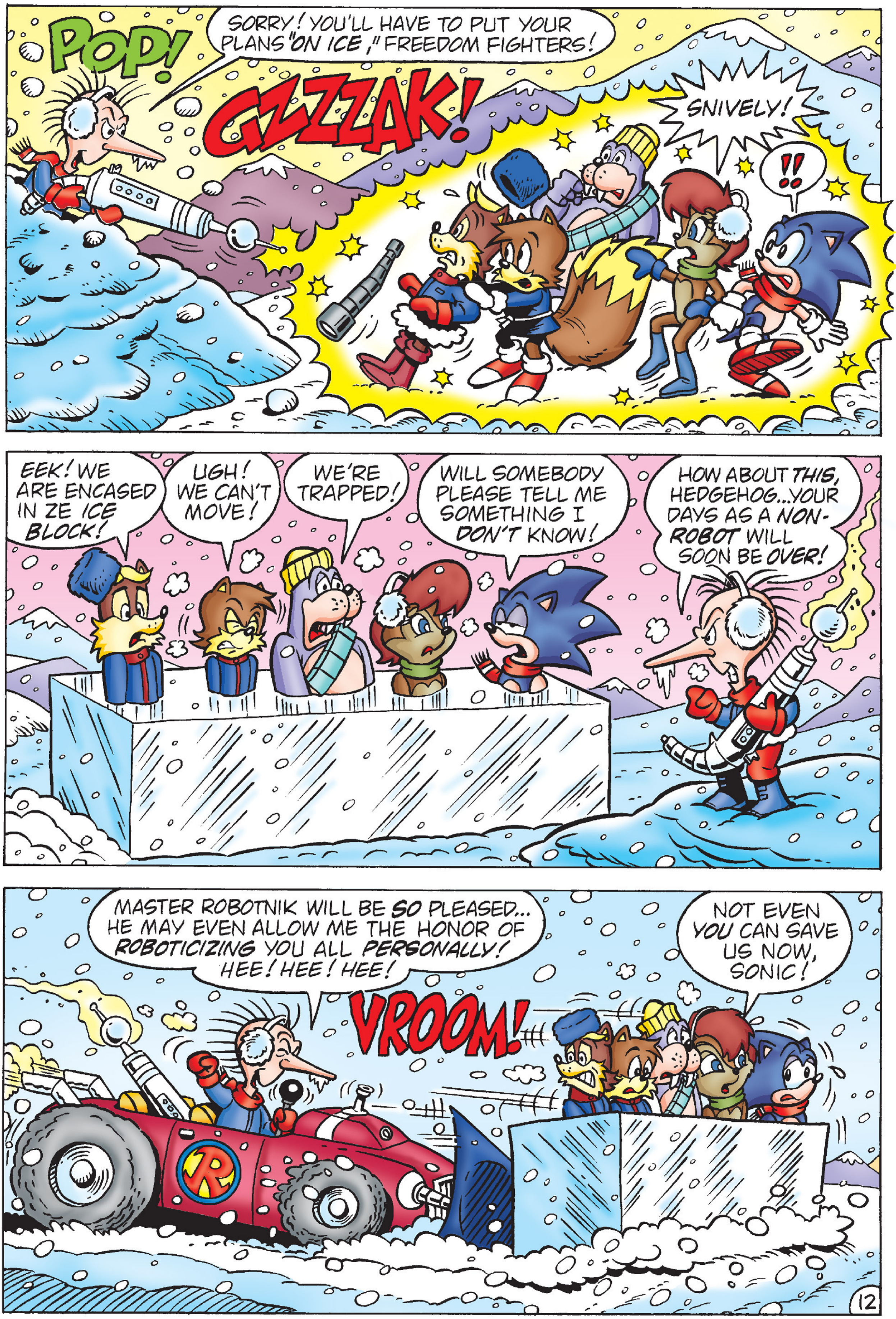
POP!
SORRY! YOU'LL HAVE TO PUT YOUR PLANS "ON ICE," FREEDOM FIGHTERS!
GZZZAK!
SNIVELY!
!!
EEK! WE ARE ENCASED IN ZE ICE BLOCK!
UGH! WE CAN'T MOVE!
WE'RE TRAPPED!
WILL SOMEBODY PLEASE TELL ME SOMETHING I DON'T KNOW!
HOW ABOUT THIS, HEDGEHOG...YOUR DAYS AS A NON-ROBOT WILL SOON BE OVER!
MASTER ROBOTNIK WILL BE SO PLEASED... HE MAY EVEN ALLOW ME THE HONOR OF ROBOTICIZING YOU ALL PERSONALLY! HEE! HEE! HEE!
VROOM!
NOT EVEN YOU CAN SAVE US NOW, SONIC!
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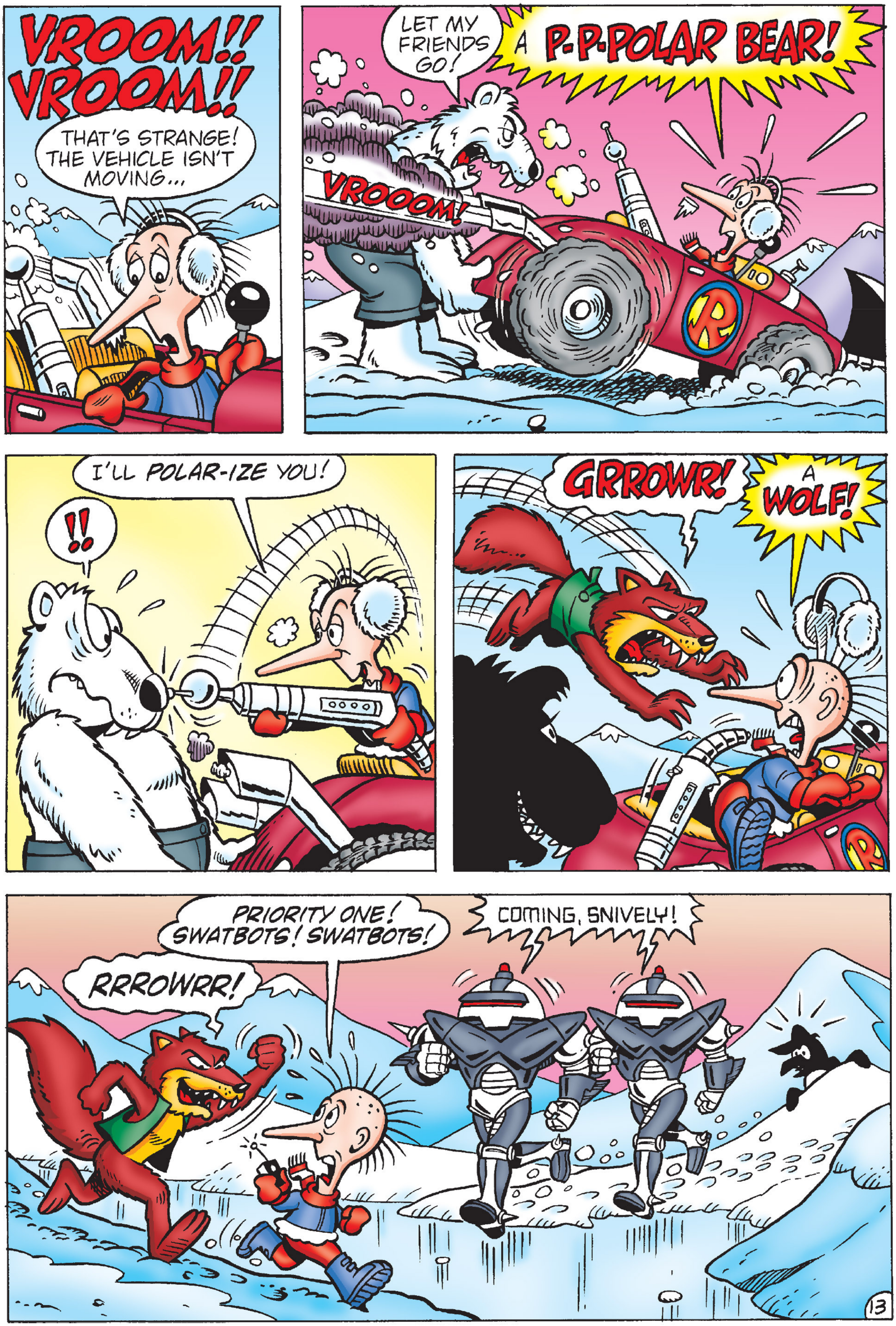
VROOM!! VROOM!!
THAT'S STRANGE! THE VEHICLE ISN'T MOVING...
LET MY FRIENDS GO!
A P-P-POLAR BEAR!
VROOOM!
I'LL *POLAR-IZE* YOU!
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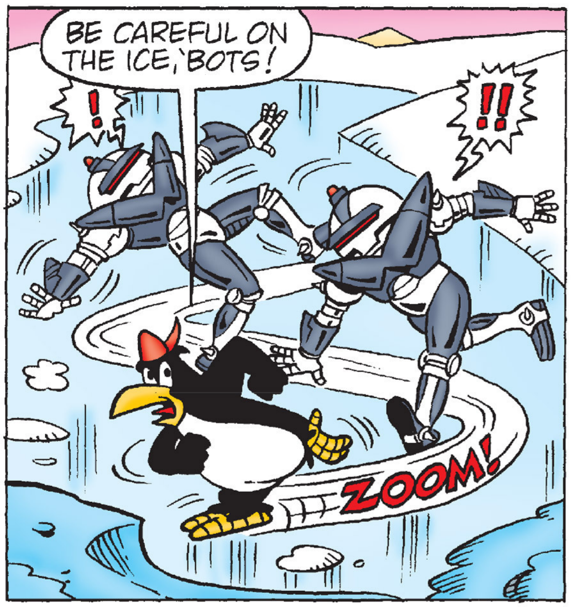
GRROWR!
A WOLF!
PRIORITY ONE! SWATBOTS! SWATBOTS!
COMING, SNIVELY!
RRROWRR!


BE CAREFUL ON THE ICE, 'BOTS!
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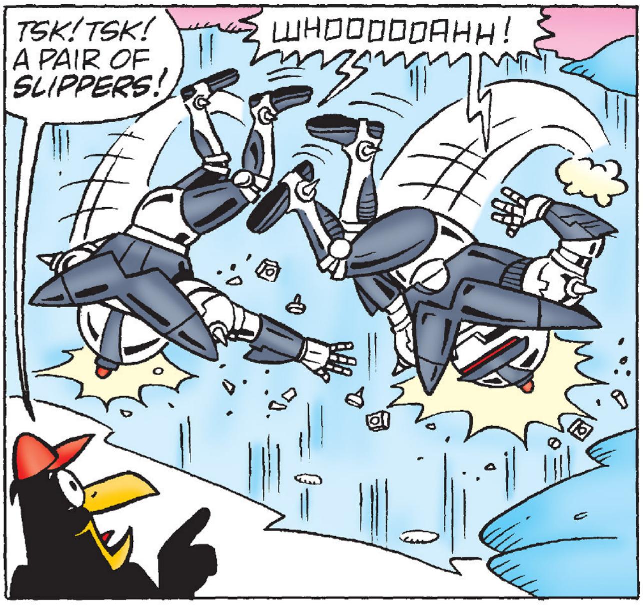
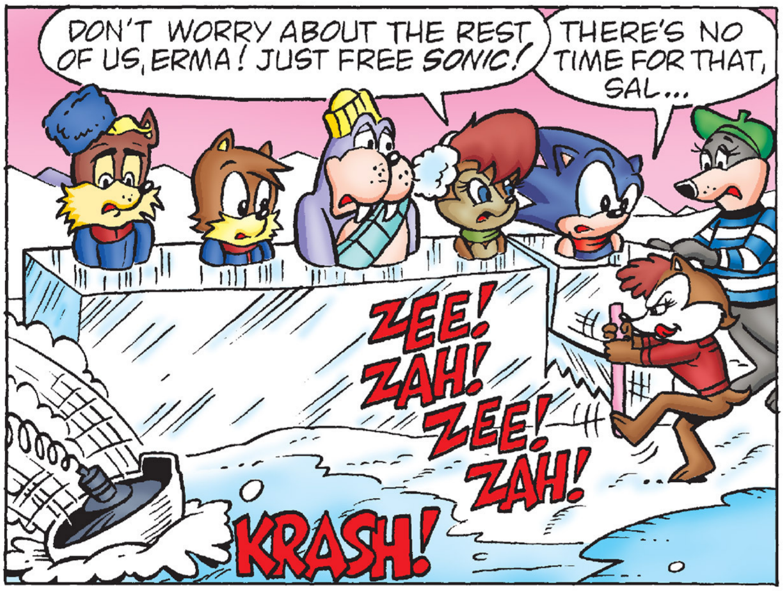
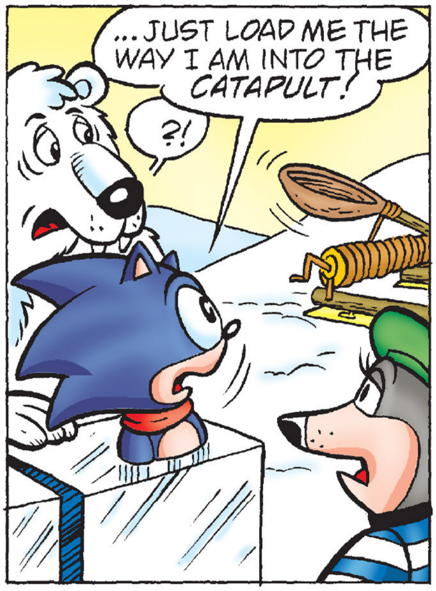
ZOOM!


TSK! TSK! A PAIR OF SLIPPERS!
WHOOOOOAHH!


DON'T WORRY ABOUT THE REST OF US, ERMA! JUST FREE SONIC!
THERE'S NO TIME FOR THAT, SAL...
ZEE! ZAH! ZEE! ZAH!
KRASH!


...JUST LOAD ME THE WAY I AM INTO THE CATAPULT!
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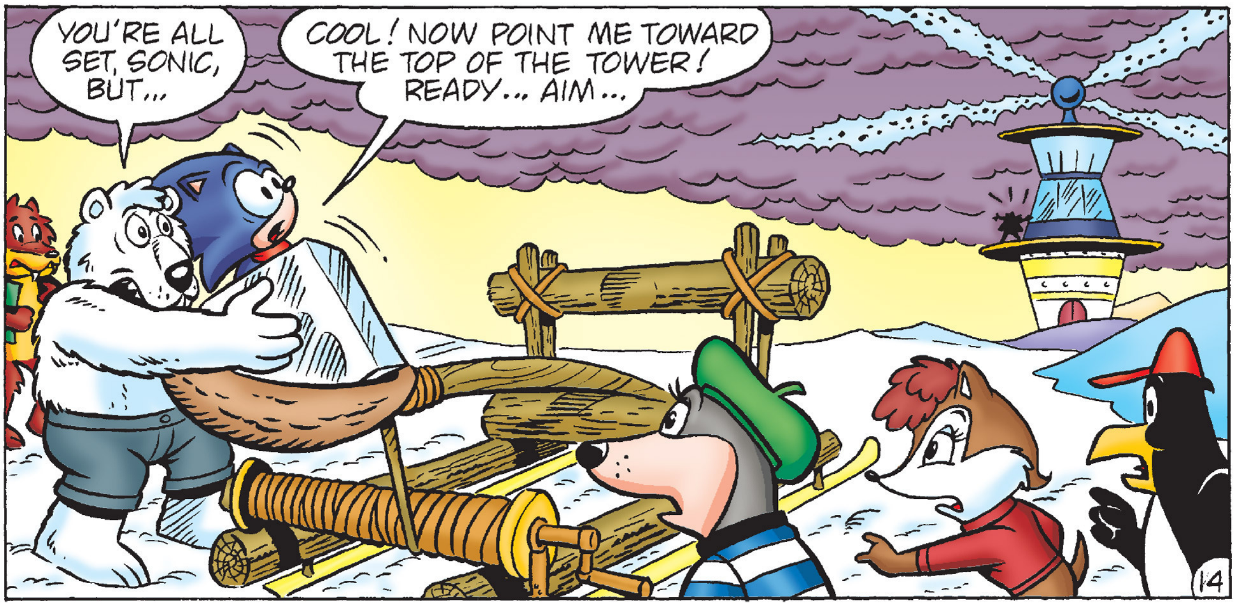
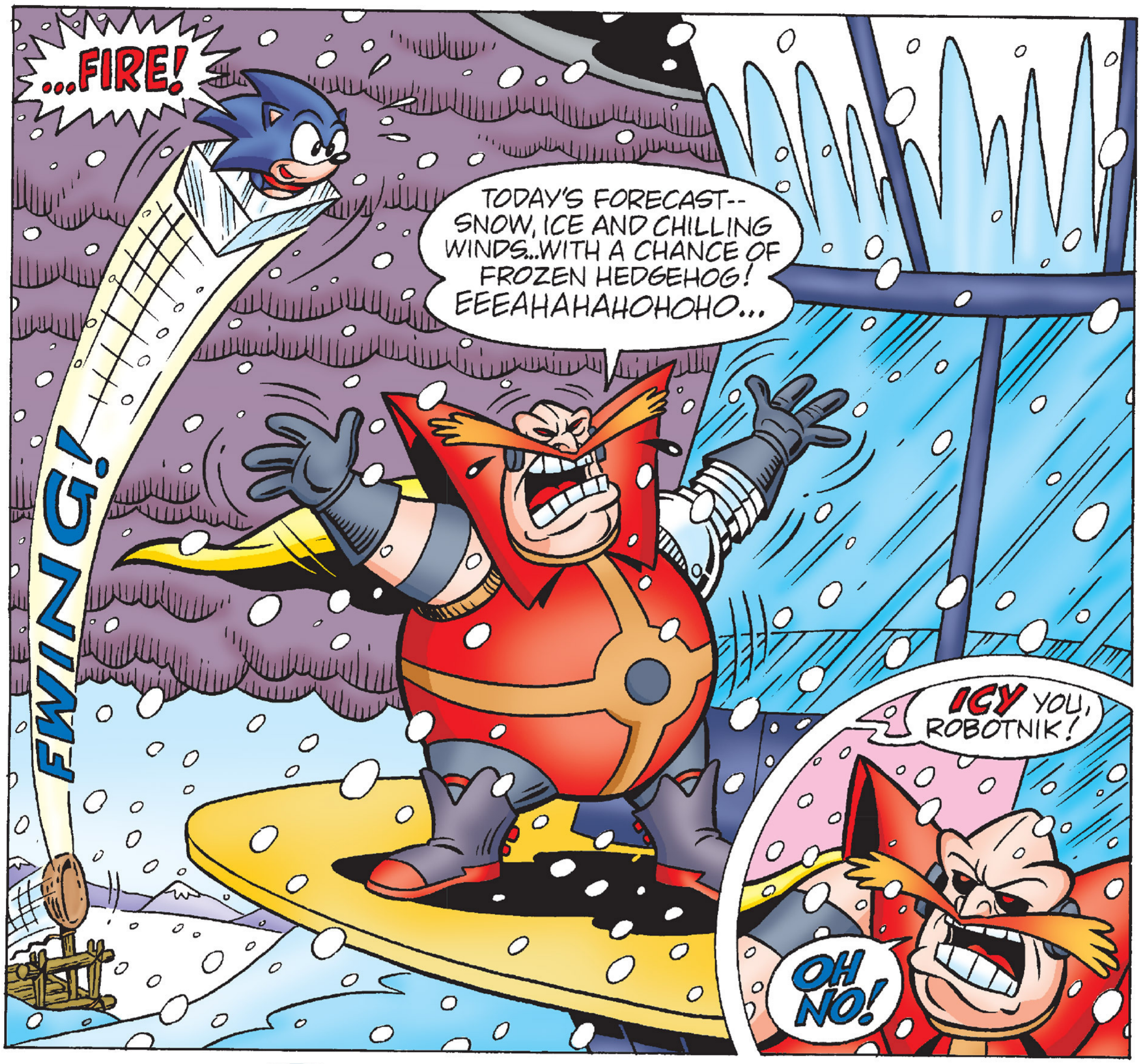
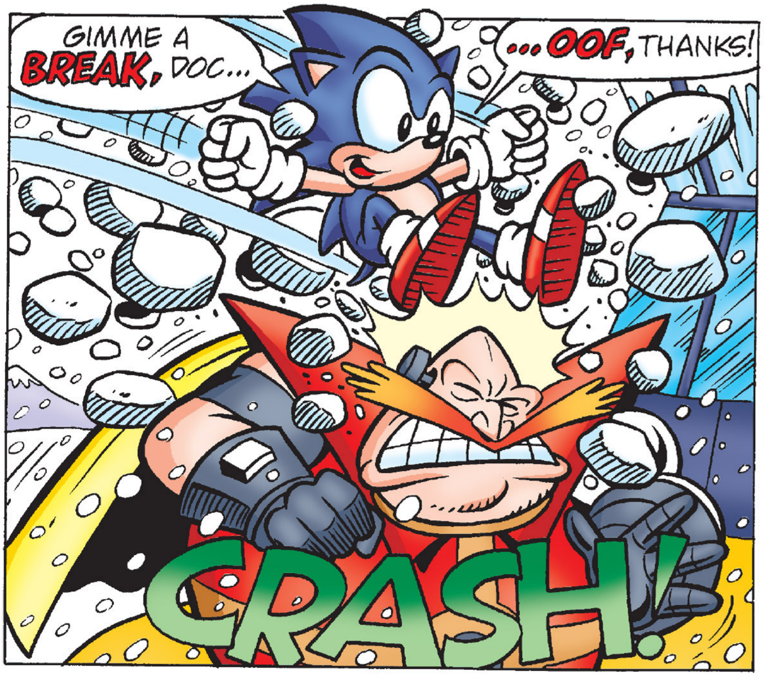
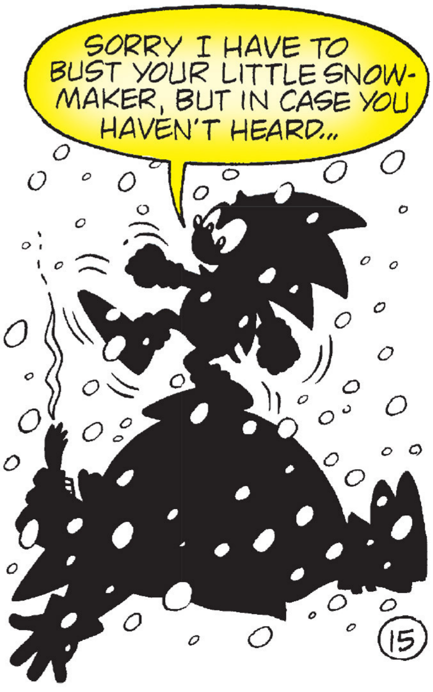
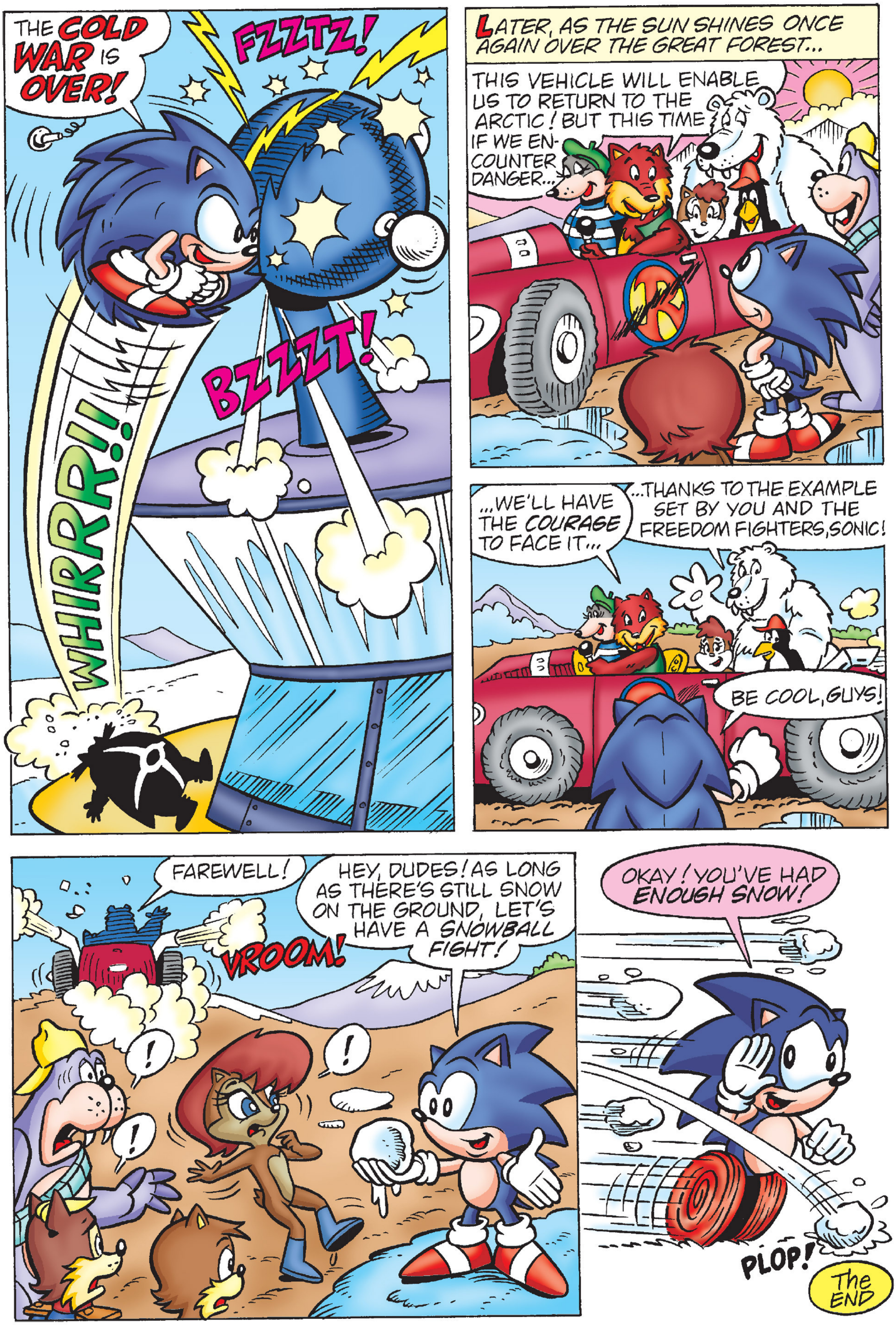

YOU'RE ALL SET, SONIC, BUT...
COOL! NOW POINT ME TOWARD THE TOP OF THE TOWER! READY... AIM...


...FIRE!
TODAY'S FORECAST-- SNOW, ICE AND CHILLING WINDS...WITH A CHANCE OF FROZEN HEDGEHOG! EEEAHAHAHOHOHO...
FWING!
ICY YOU, ROBOTNIK!
OH NO!


GIMME A BREAK, DOC...
...OOF, THANKS!
CRASH!


SORRY I HAVE TO BUST YOUR LITTLE SNOW-MAKER, BUT IN CASE YOU HAVEN'T HEARD...


THE COLD WAR IS OVER!
FZZZTZ!
BZZZZT!
WHIRRR!!!
LATER, AS THE SUN SHINES ONCE AGAIN OVER THE GREAT FOREST...
THIS VEHICLE WILL ENABLE US TO RETURN TO THE ARCTIC! BUT THIS TIME IF WE ENCOUNTER DANGER...
...WE'LL HAVE THE COURAGE TO FACE IT...
...THANKS TO THE EXAMPLE SET BY YOU AND THE FREEDOM FIGHTERS, SONIC!
BE COOL, GUYS!
FAREWELL!
VROOM!
HEY, DUDES! AS LONG AS THERE'S STILL SNOW ON THE GROUND, LET'S HAVE A SNOWBALL FIGHT!
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OKAY! YOU'VE HAD ENOUGH SNOW!
PLOP!
The END

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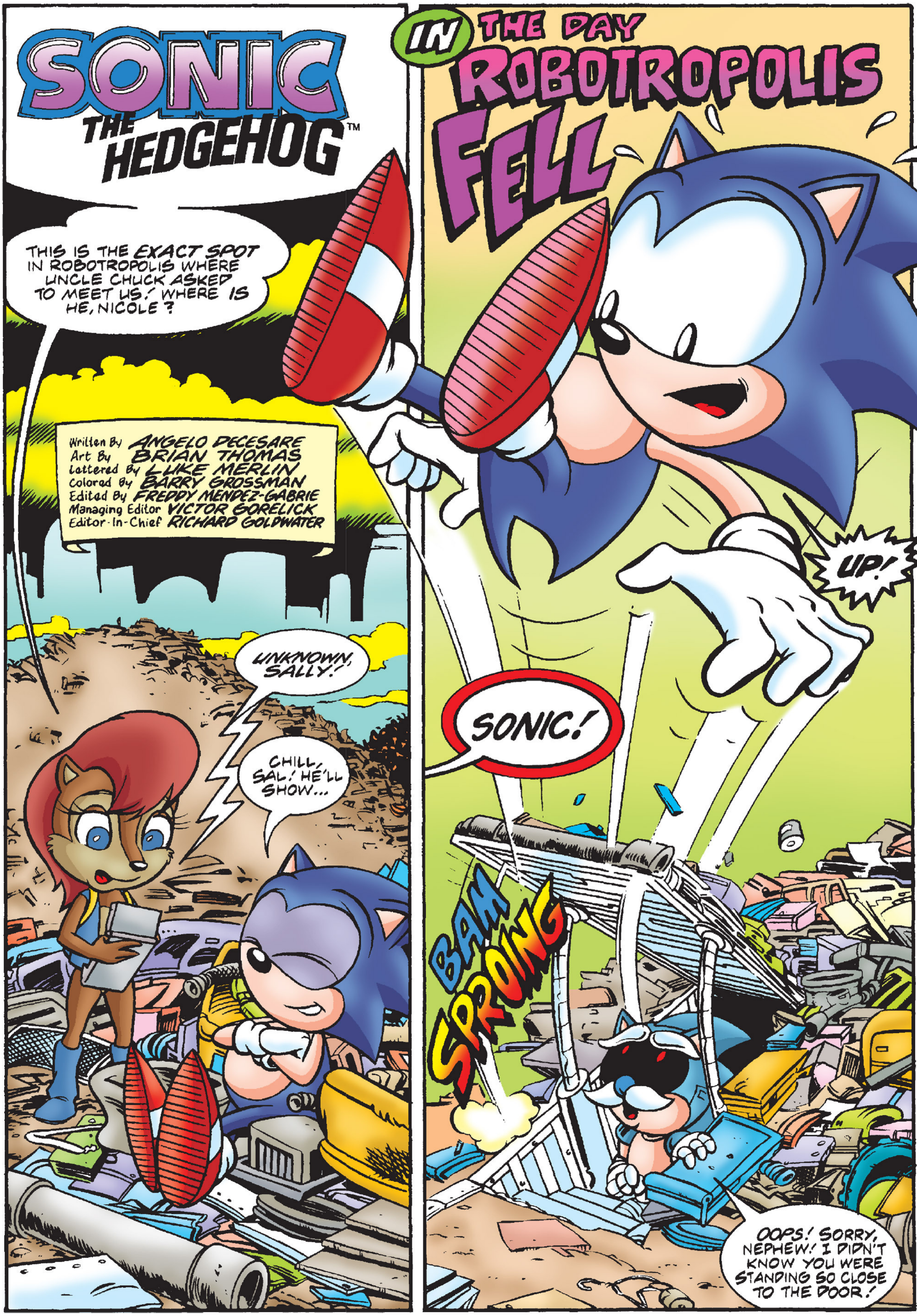

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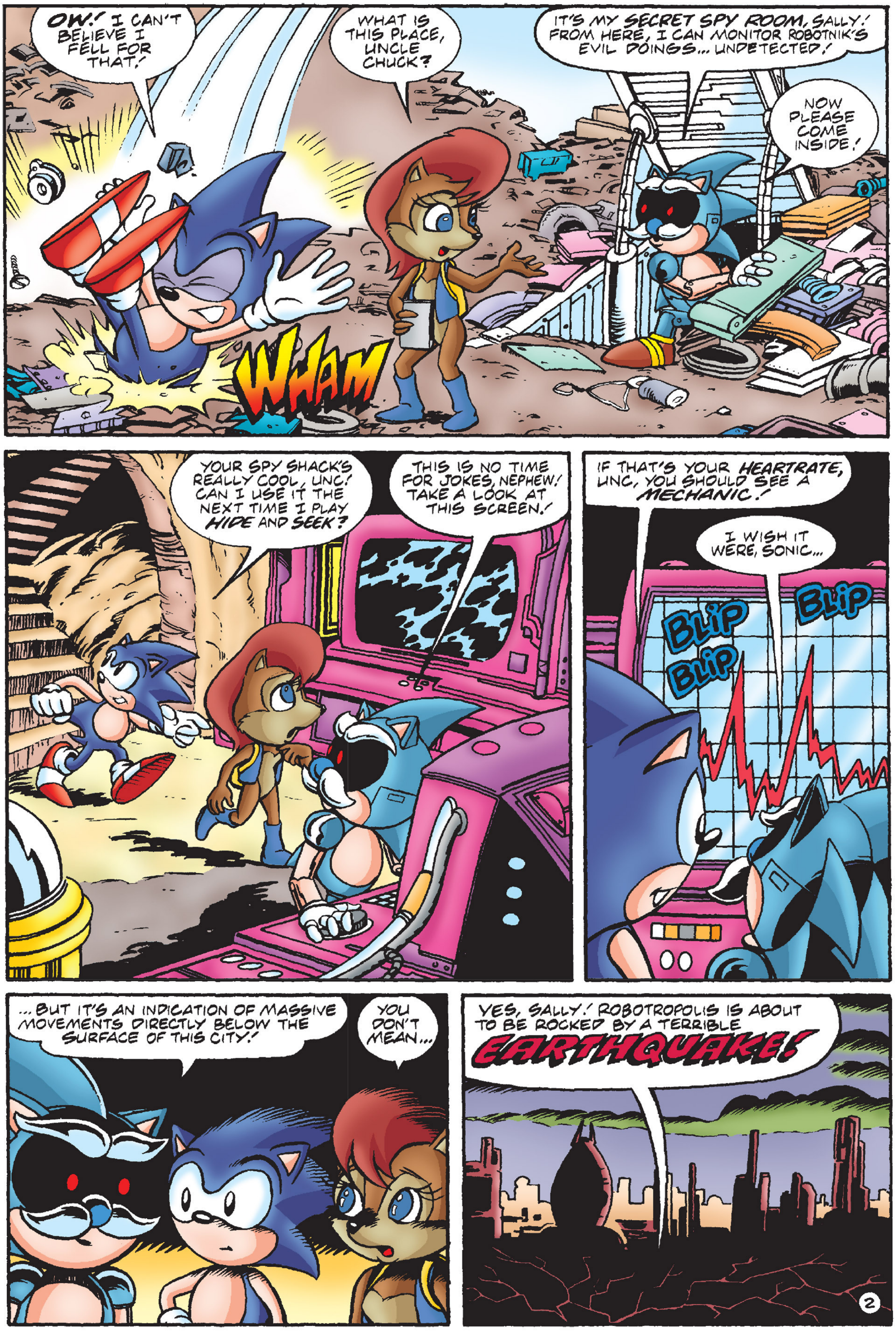
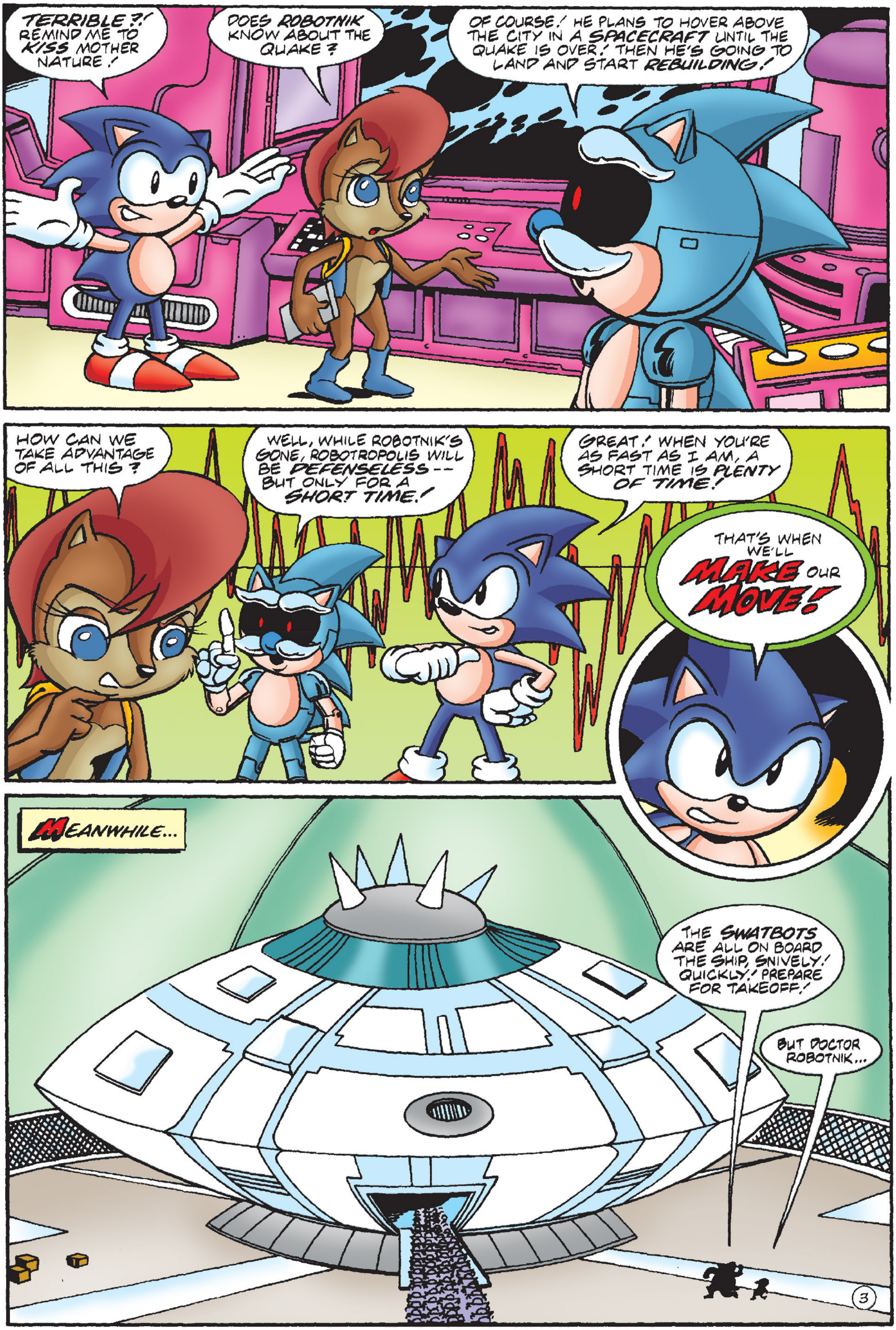
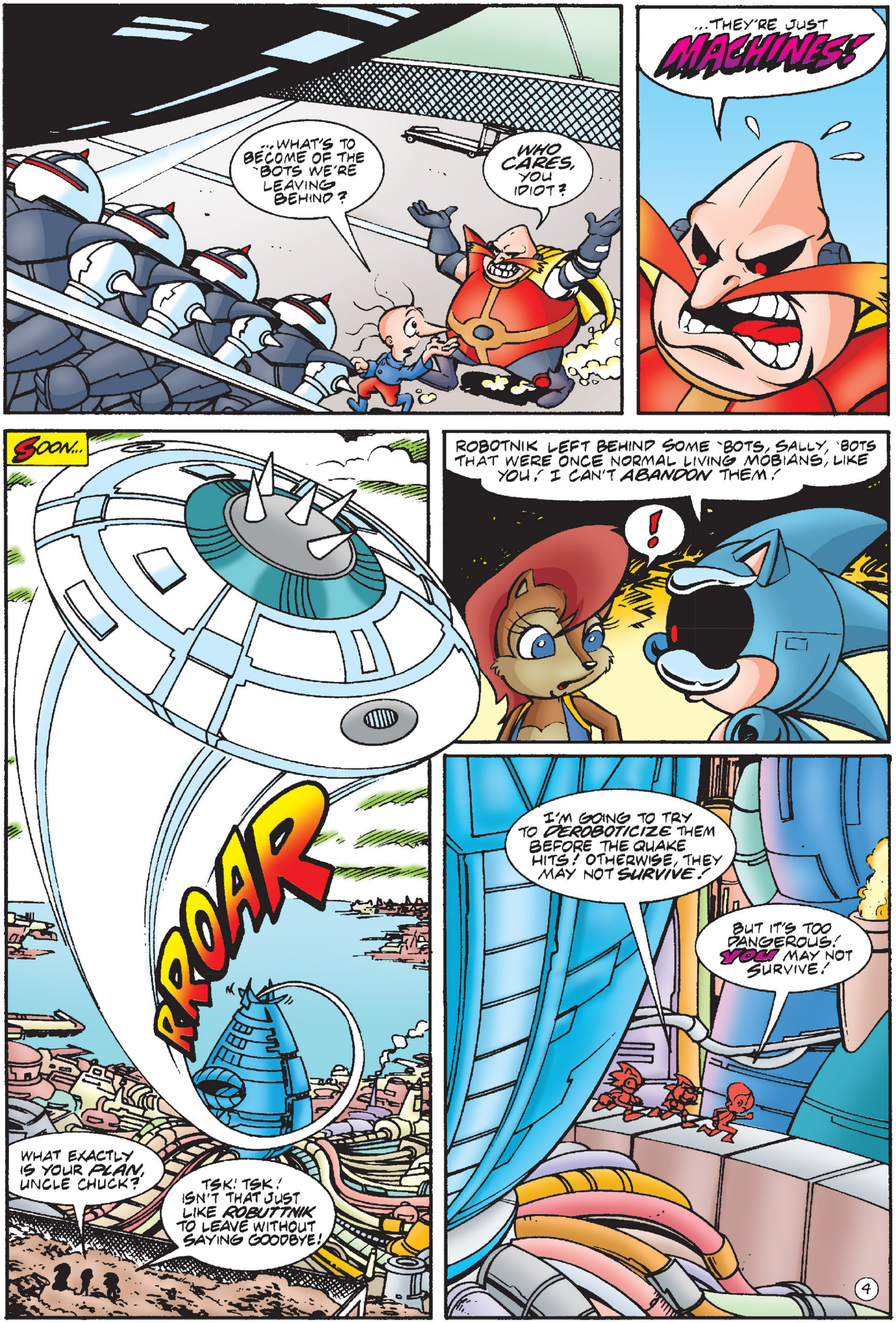
THIS IS THE EXACT SPOT IN ROBOTROPOLIS WHERE UNCLE CHUCK ASKED TO MEET US! WHERE IS HE, NICOLE?
UNKNOWN, SALLY!
CHILL, SAL! HE'LL SHOW...
UP!
SONIC!
BAM
SPROING
OOPS! SORRY, NEPHEW! I DIDN'T KNOW YOU WERE STANDING SO CLOSE TO THE DOOR!


OW! I CAN'T BELIEVE I FELL FOR THAT!
WHAT IS THIS PLACE, UNCLE CHUCK?
IT'S MY SECRET SPY ROOM, SALLY! FROM HERE, I CAN MONITOR ROBOTNIK'S EVIL DOINGS... UNDETECTED!
NOW PLEASE COME INSIDE!
WHAM
YOUR SPY SHACK'S REALLY COOL, UNC! CAN I USE IT THE NEXT TIME I PLAY HIDE AND SEEK?
THIS IS NO TIME FOR JOKES, NEPHEW! TAKE A LOOK AT THIS SCREEN!
IF THAT'S YOUR HEARTRATE, UNC, YOU SHOULD SEE A MECHANIC!
I WISH IT WERE, SONIC...
BLIP
BLIP
BLIP
...BUT IT'S AN INDICATION OF MASSIVE MOVEMENTS DIRECTLY BELOW THE SURFACE OF THIS CITY!
YOU DON'T MEAN...
YES, SALLY! ROBOTROPOLIS IS ABOUT TO BE ROCKED BY A TERRIBLE EARTHQUAKE!


TERRIBLE?! REMIND ME TO KISS MOTHER NATURE!
DOES ROBOTNIK KNOW ABOUT THE QUAKE?
OF COURSE! HE PLANS TO HOVER ABOVE THE CITY IN A SPACECRAFT UNTIL THE QUAKE IS OVER! THEN HE'S GOING TO LAND AND START REBUILDING!
HOW CAN WE TAKE ADVANTAGE OF ALL THIS?
WELL, WHILE ROBOTNIK'S GONE, ROBOTROPOLIS WILL BE DEFENSELESS-- BUT ONLY FOR A SHORT TIME!
GREAT! WHEN YOU'RE AS FAST AS I AM, A SHORT TIME IS PLENTY OF TIME!
THAT'S WHEN WE'LL MAKE OUR MOVE!
MEANWHILE...
THE SWATBOTS ARE ALL ON BOARD THE SHIP, SNIVELY! QUICKLY! PREPARE FOR TAKEOFF!
BUT DOCTOR ROBOTNIK...


...WHAT'S TO BECOME OF THE 'BOTS WE'RE LEAVING BEHIND?
WHO CARES, YOU IDIOT?
...THEY'RE JUST MACHINES!
SOON...
RROAR
WHAT EXACTLY IS YOUR PLAN, UNCLE CHUCK?
TSK! TSK! ISN'T THAT JUST LIKE ROBUTTNIK TO LEAVE WITHOUT SAYING GOODBYE!
ROBOTNIK LEFT BEHIND SOME 'BOTS, SALLY, 'BOTS THAT WERE ONCE NORMAL LIVING MOBIANS, LIKE YOU! I CAN'T ABANDON THEM!
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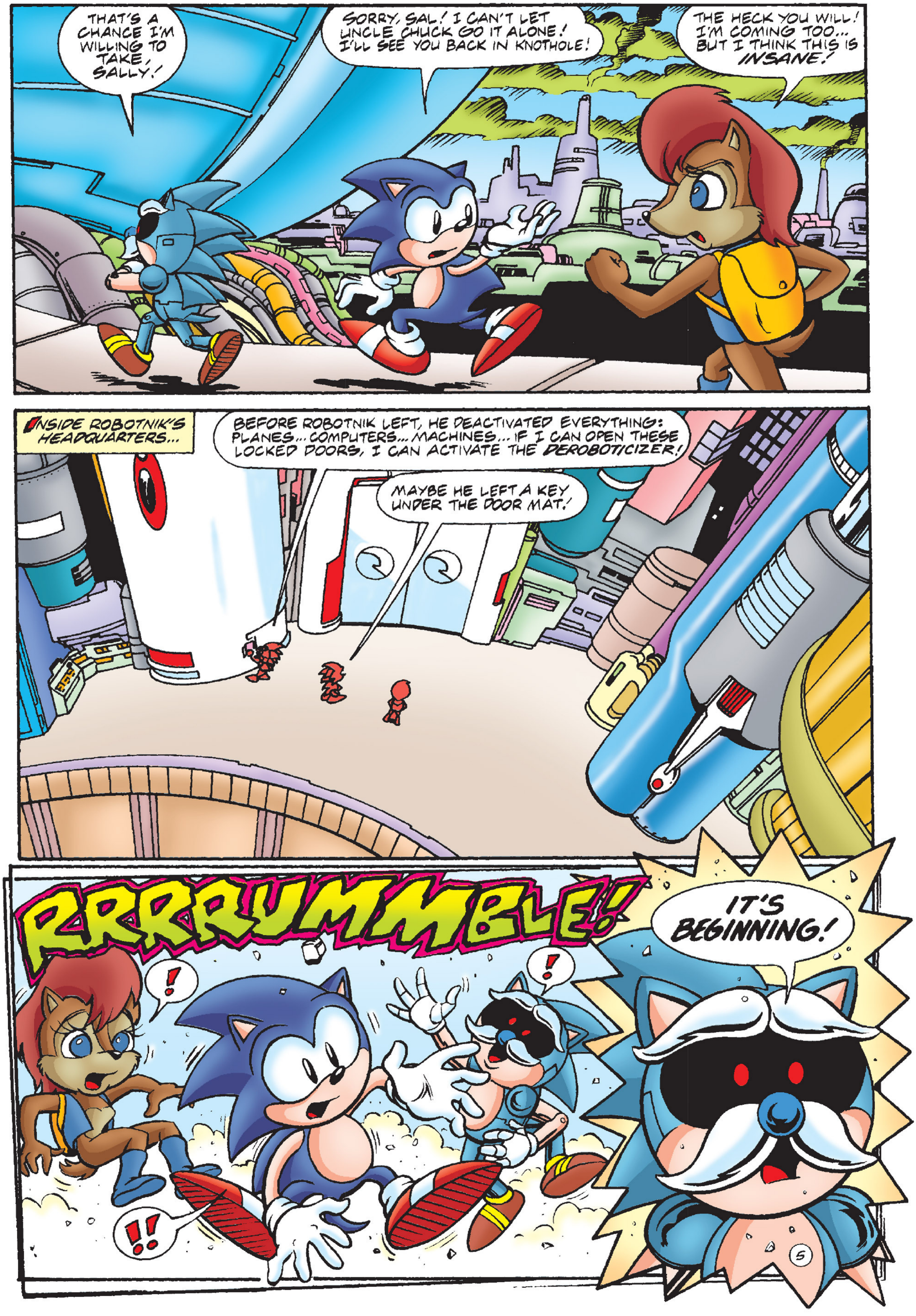
I'M GOING TO TRY TO DEROBOTICIZE THEM BEFORE THE QUAKE HITS! OTHERWISE, THEY MAY NOT SURVIVE!
BUT IT'S TOO DANGEROUS! YOU MAY NOT SURVIVE!


THAT'S A CHANCE I'M WILLING TO TAKE, SALLY!
SORRY, SAL! I CAN'T LET UNCLE CHUCK GO IT ALONE! I'LL SEE YOU BACK IN KNOTHOLE!
THE HECK YOU WILL! I'M COMING TOO... BUT I THINK THIS IS *INSANE!*
INSIDE ROBOTNIK'S HEADQUARTERS...
BEFORE ROBOTNIK LEFT, HE DEACTIVATED EVERYTHING: PLANES... COMPUTERS... MACHINES... IF I CAN OPEN THESE LOCKED DOORS, I CAN ACTIVATE THE *DEROBOTICIZER!*
MAYBE HE LEFT A KEY UNDER THE DOOR MAT!
RRRRUMMBLE!
IT'S BEGINNING!
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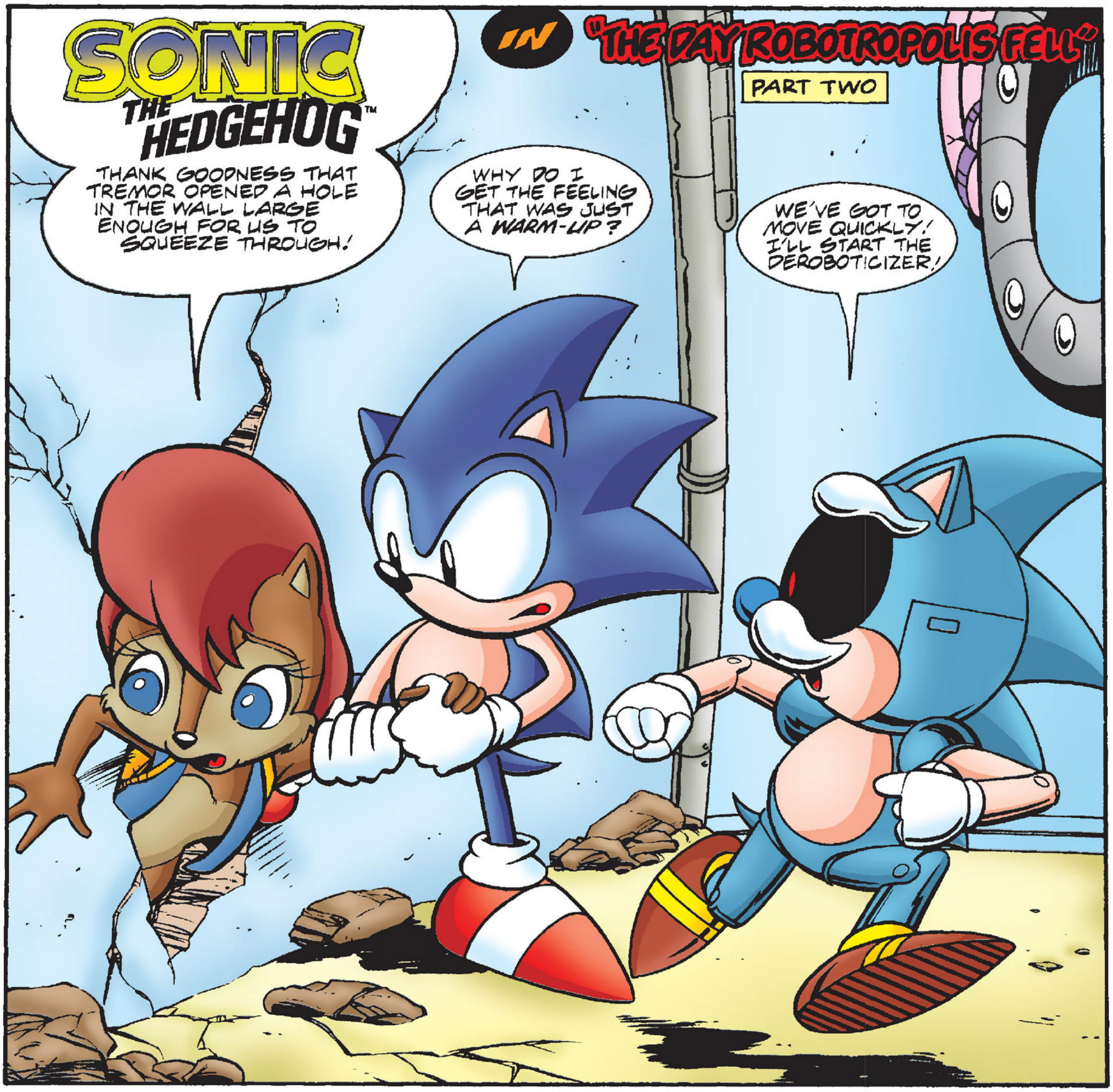
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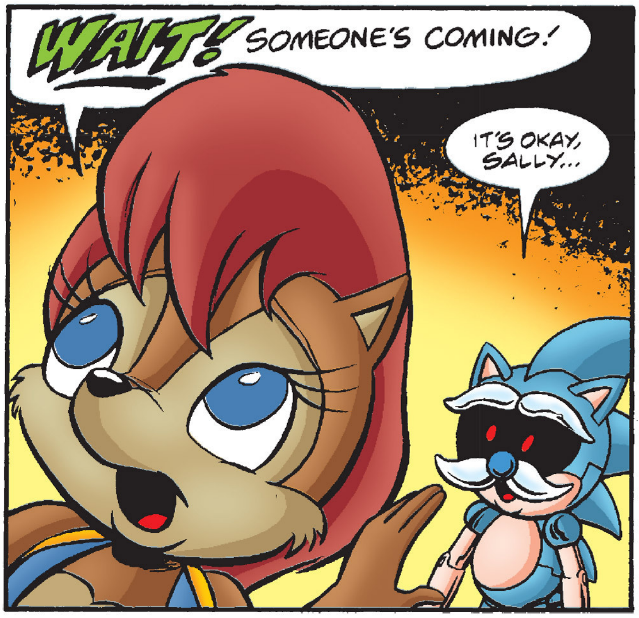
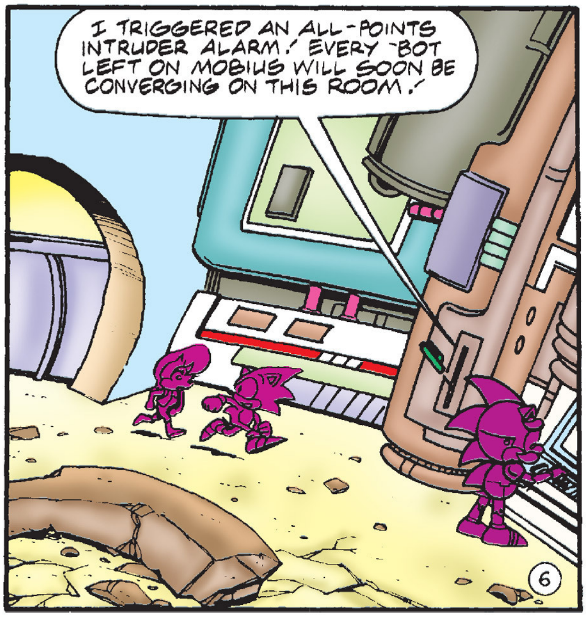
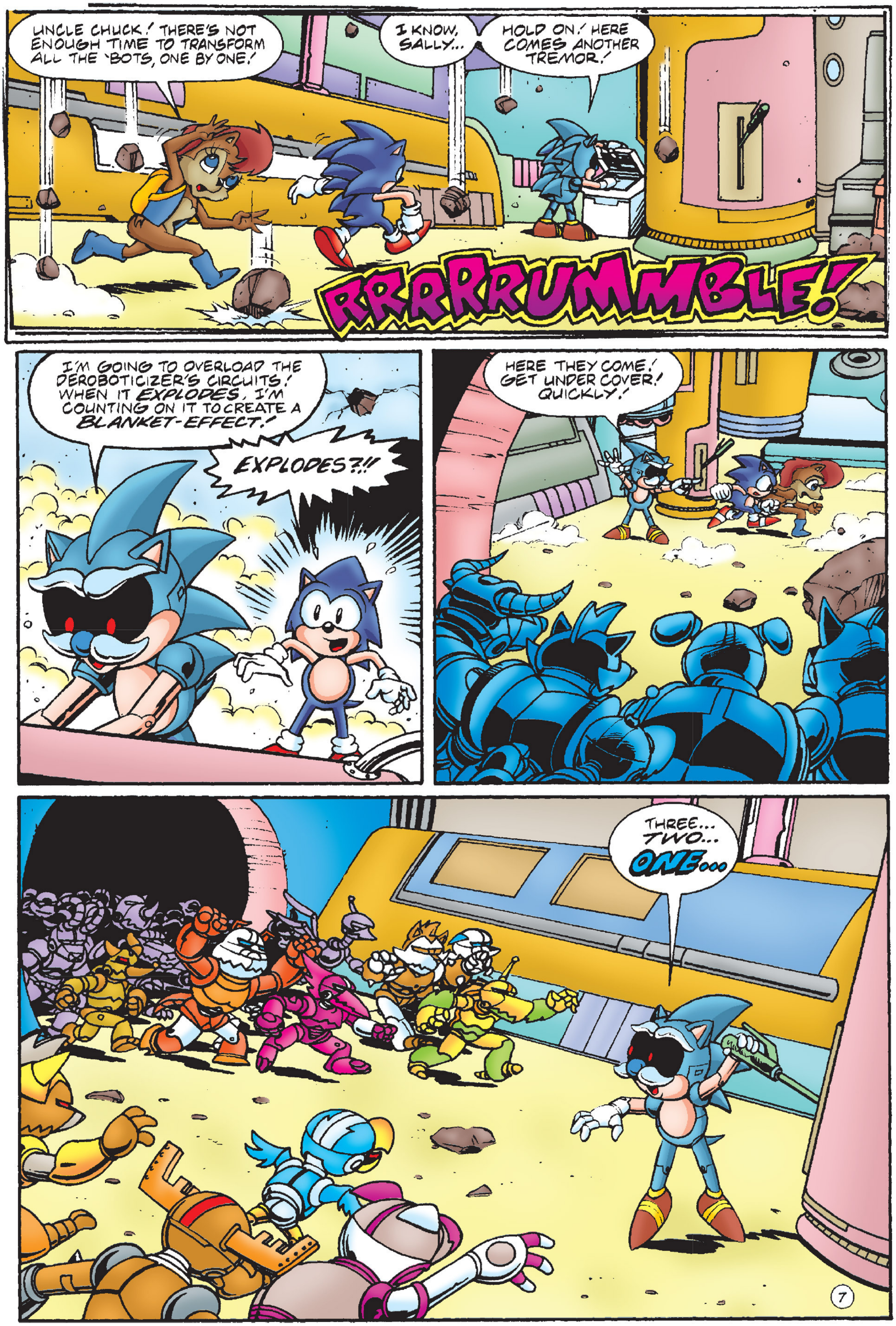
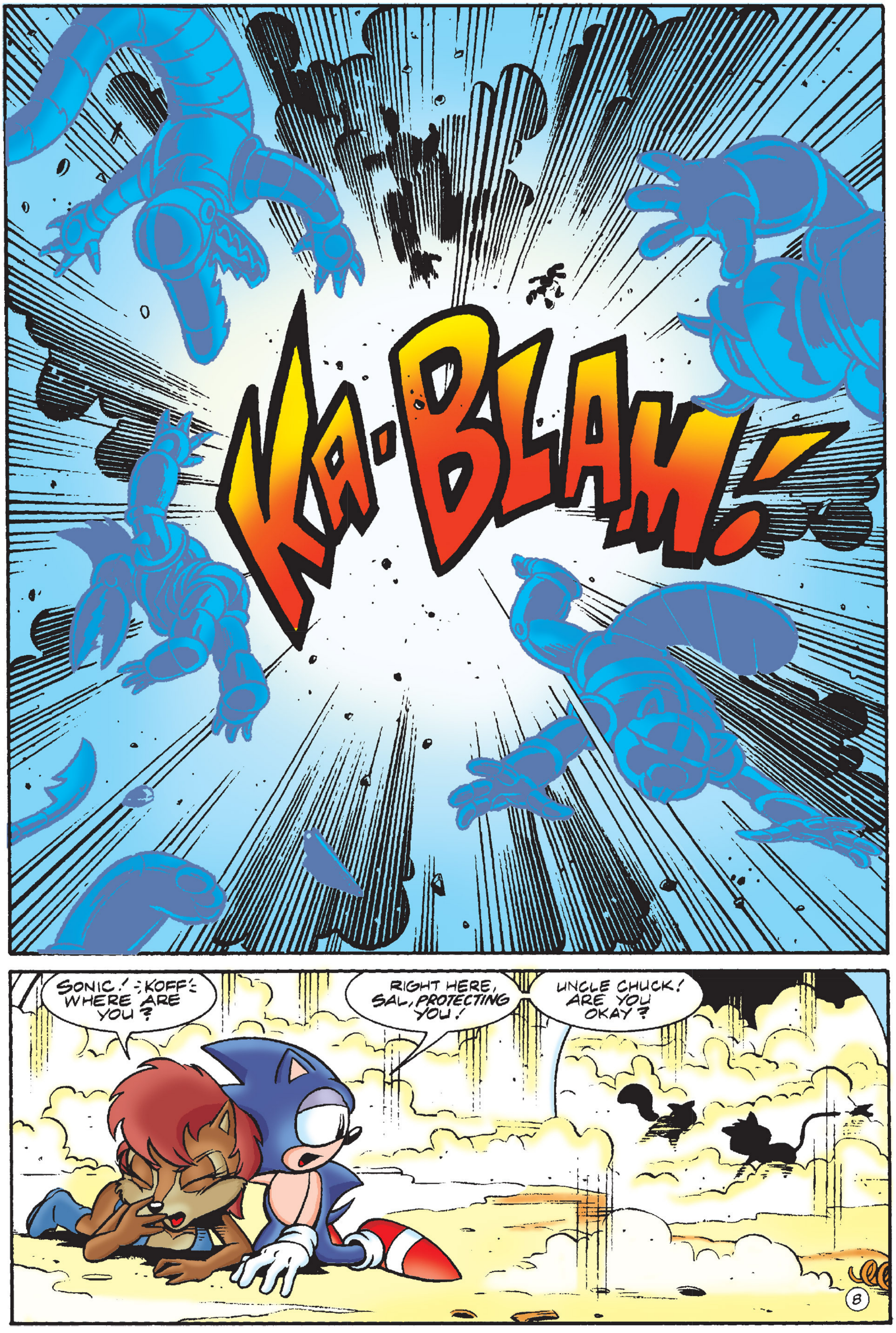
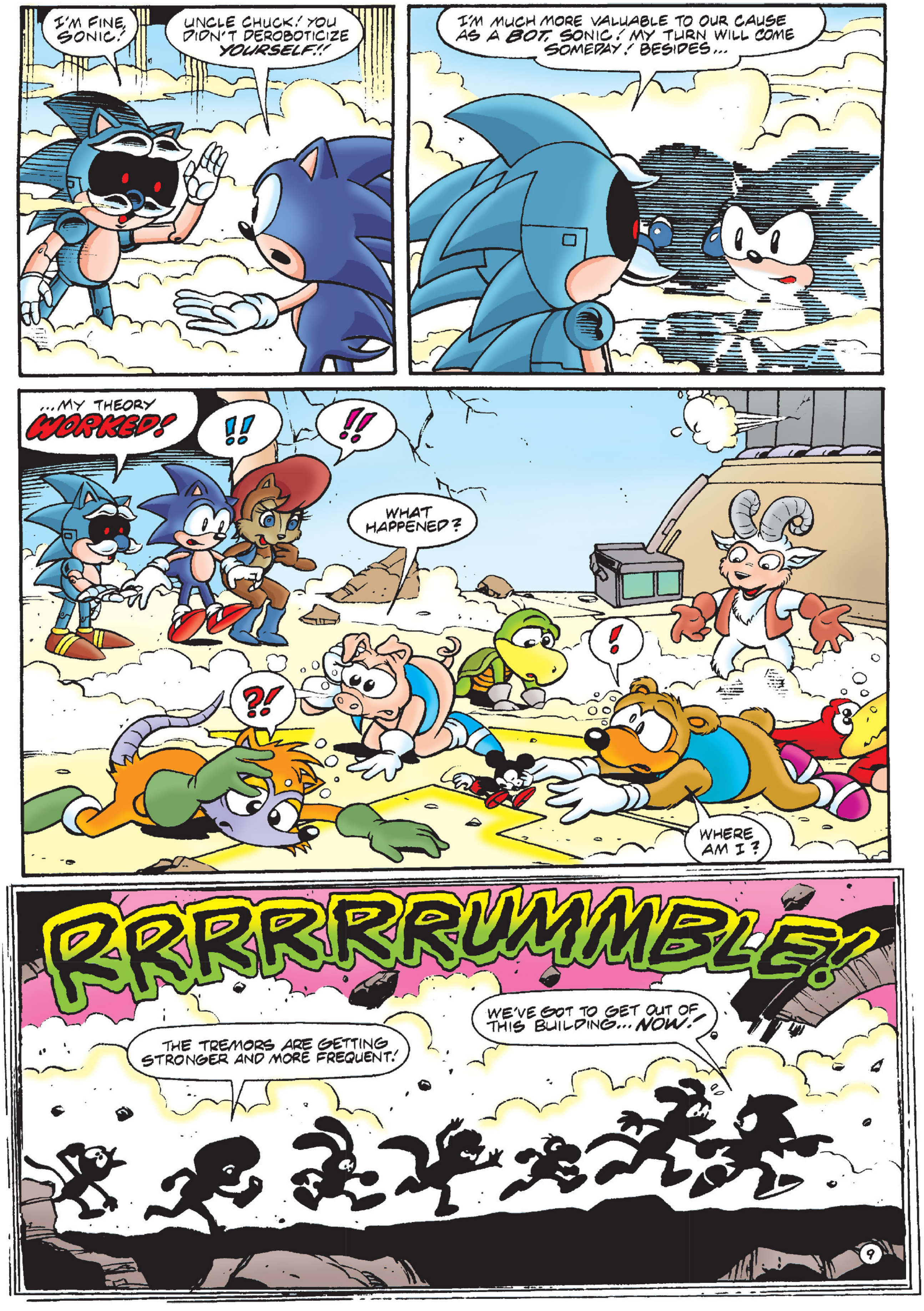
PART TWO
THANK GOODNESS THAT TREMOR OPENED A HOLE IN THE WALL LARGE ENOUGH FOR US TO SQUEEZE THROUGH!
WHY DO I GET THE FEELING THAT WAS JUST A *WARM-UP*?
WE'VE GOT TO MOVE QUICKLY! I'LL START THE DEROBOTICIZER!

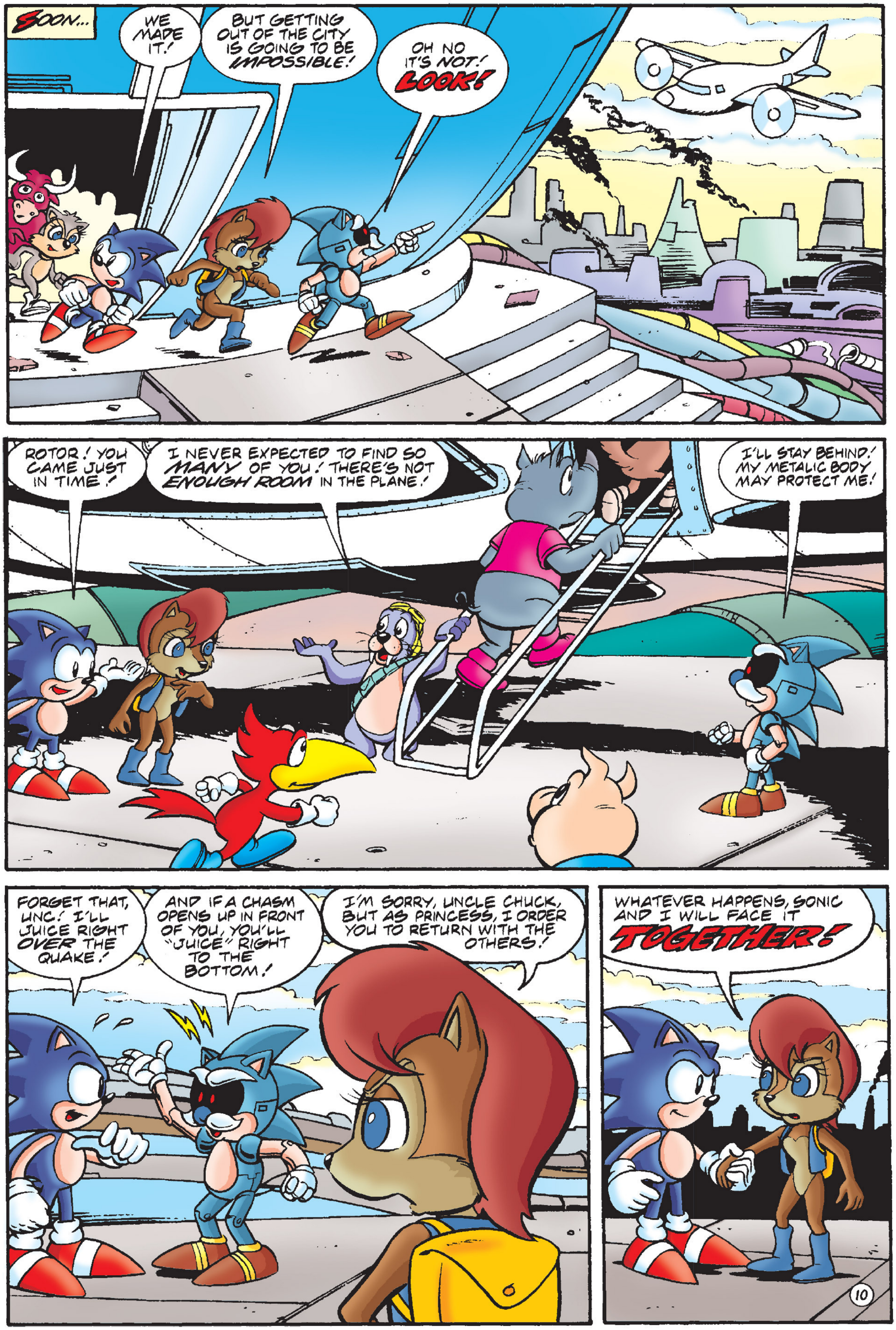

WAIT! SOMEONE'S COMING!
IT'S OKAY, SALLY...

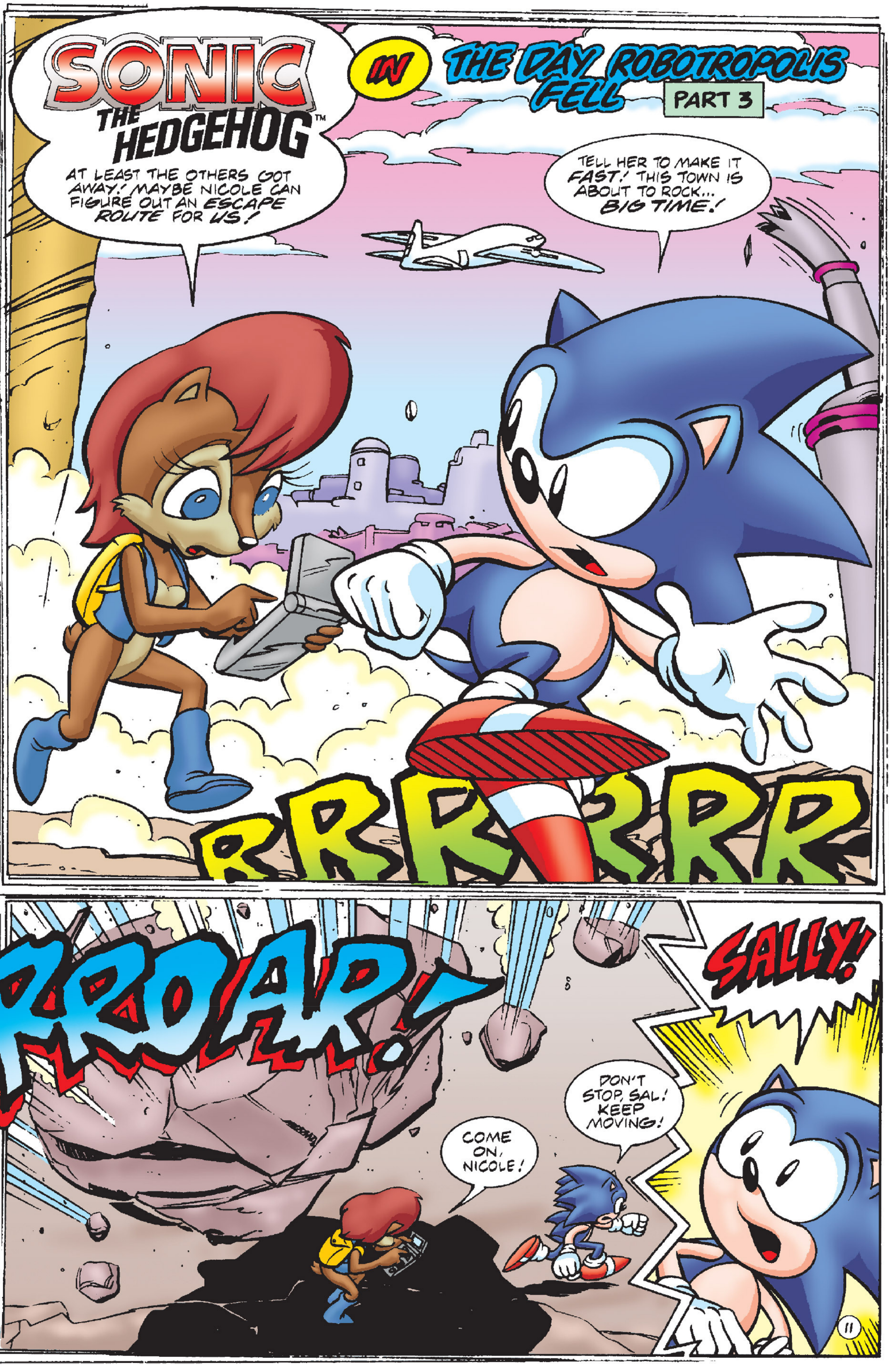

I TRIGGERED AN ALL-POINTS INTRUDER ALARM! EVERY 'BOT LEFT ON MOBIUS WILL SOON BE CONVERGING ON THIS ROOM!


UNCLE CHUCK! THERE'S NOT ENOUGH TIME TO TRANSFORM ALL THE 'BOTS, ONE BY ONE!
I KNOW, SALLY...
HOLD ON! HERE COMES ANOTHER TREMOR!
RRRRRUMMBLE!
I'M GOING TO OVERLOAD THE DEROBOTICIZER'S CIRCUITS! WHEN IT *EXPLODES*, I'M COUNTING ON IT TO CREATE A *BLANKET-EFFECT!*
EXPLODES?!!
HERE THEY COME! GET UNDER COVER! QUICKLY!
THREE... TWO... ONE...


KA-BLAM!!
SONIC! :KOFF: WHERE ARE YOU?
RIGHT HERE, SAL, *PROTECTING* YOU!
UNCLE CHUCK! ARE YOU OKAY?


I'M FINE, SONIC!
UNCLE CHUCK! YOU DIDN'T DEROBOTICIZE *YOURSELF*!!
I'M MUCH MORE VALUABLE TO OUR CAUSE AS A *BOT*, SONIC! MY TURN WILL COME SOMEDAY! BESIDES...
...MY THEORY *WORKED!*
!!
!!
WHAT HAPPENED?
!
?!
WHERE AM I?
RRRRRRUMMBLE!
THE TREMORS ARE GETTING STRONGER AND MORE FREQUENT!
WE'VE GOT TO GET OUT OF THIS BUILDING... *NOW!*


SOON...
WE MADE IT.!
BUT GETTING OUT OF THE CITY IS GOING TO BE IMPOSSIBLE!
OH NO IT'S NOT! LOOK!
ROTOR! YOU CAME JUST IN TIME.!
I NEVER EXPECTED TO FIND SO MANY OF YOU! THERE'S NOT ENOUGH ROOM IN THE PLANE!
I'LL STAY BEHIND! MY METALIC BODY MAY PROTECT ME!
FORGET THAT, UNC! I'LL JUICE RIGHT OVER THE QUAKE!
AND IF A CHASM OPENS UP IN FRONT OF YOU, YOU'LL "JUICE" RIGHT TO THE BOTTOM!
I'M SORRY, UNCLE CHUCK, BUT AS PRINCESS, I ORDER YOU TO RETURN WITH THE OTHERS!
WHATEVER HAPPENS, SONIC AND I WILL FACE IT TOGETHER!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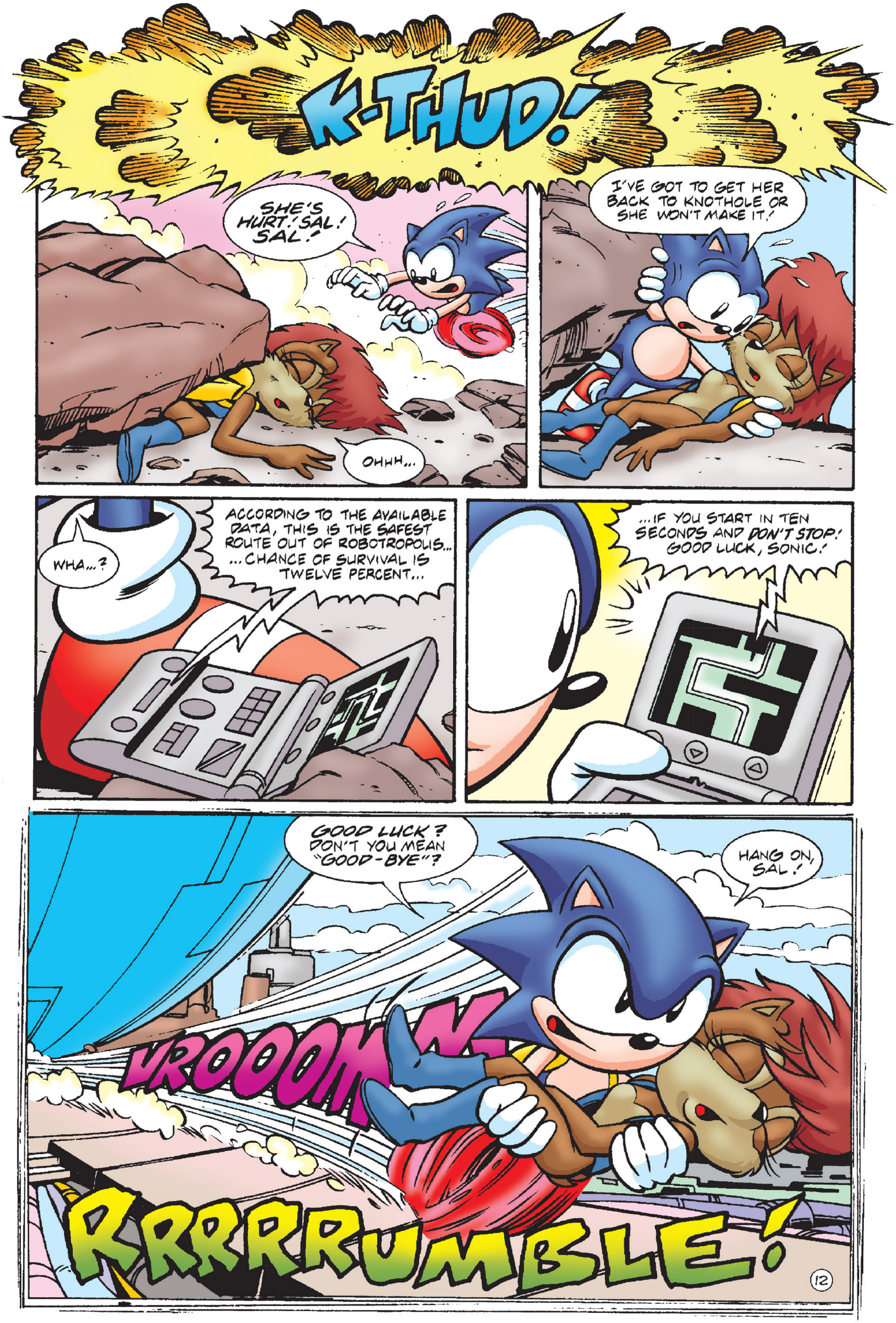
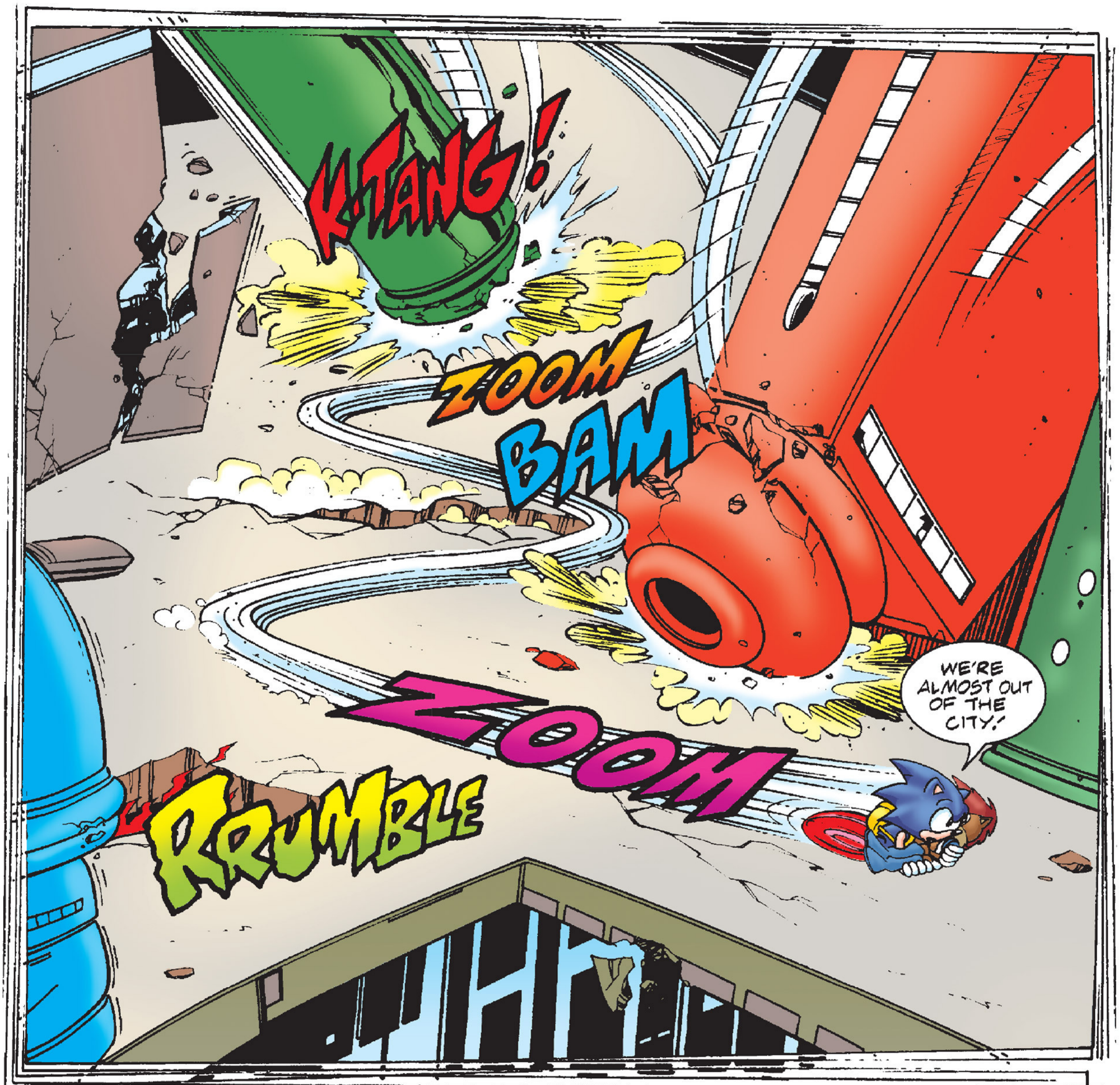
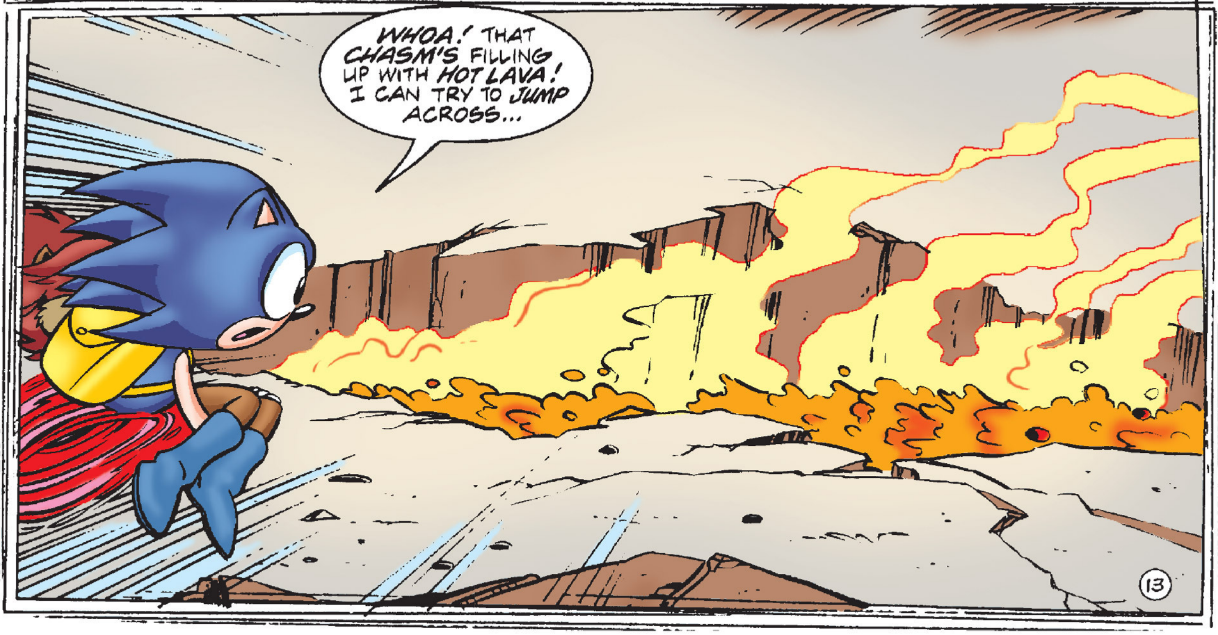
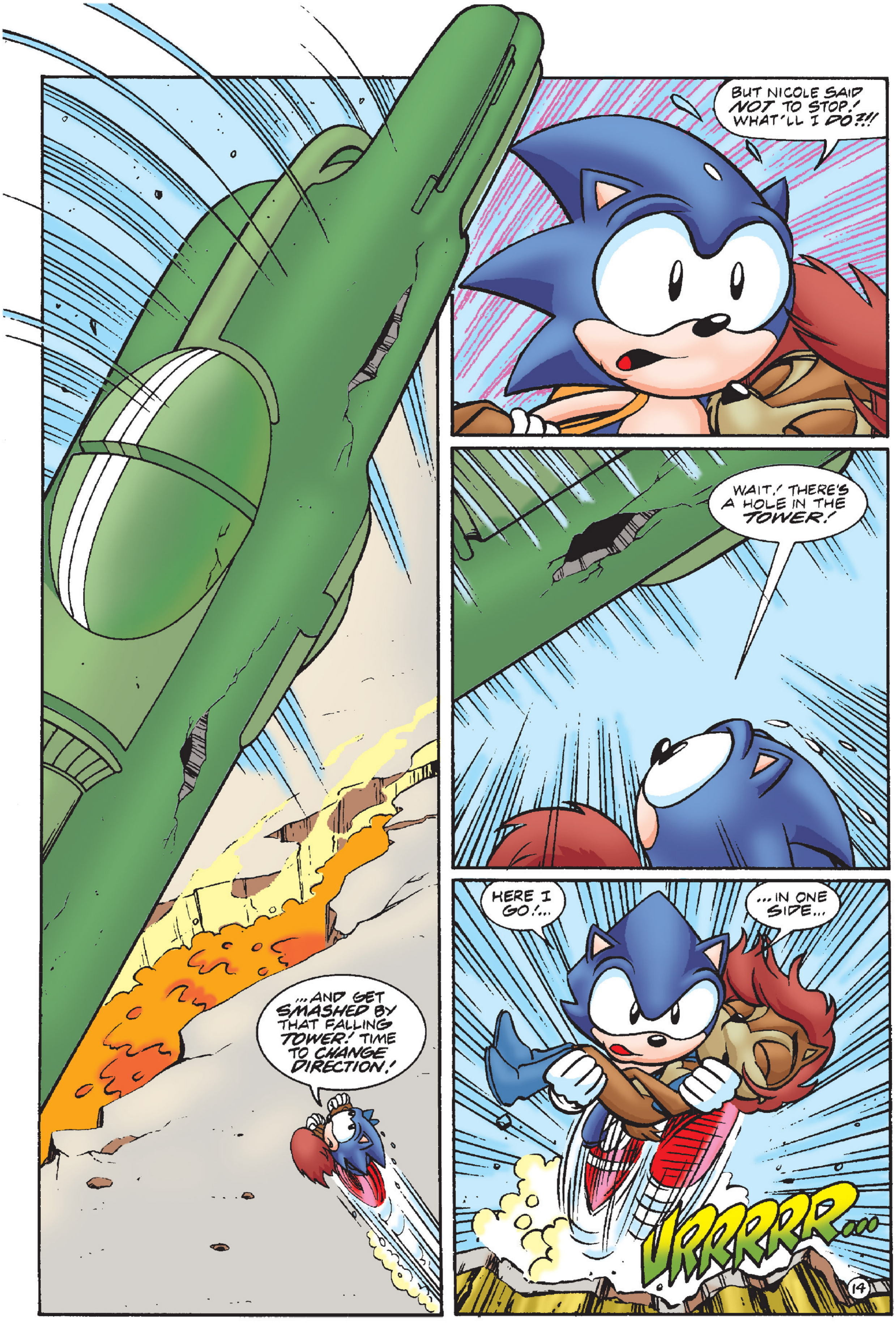
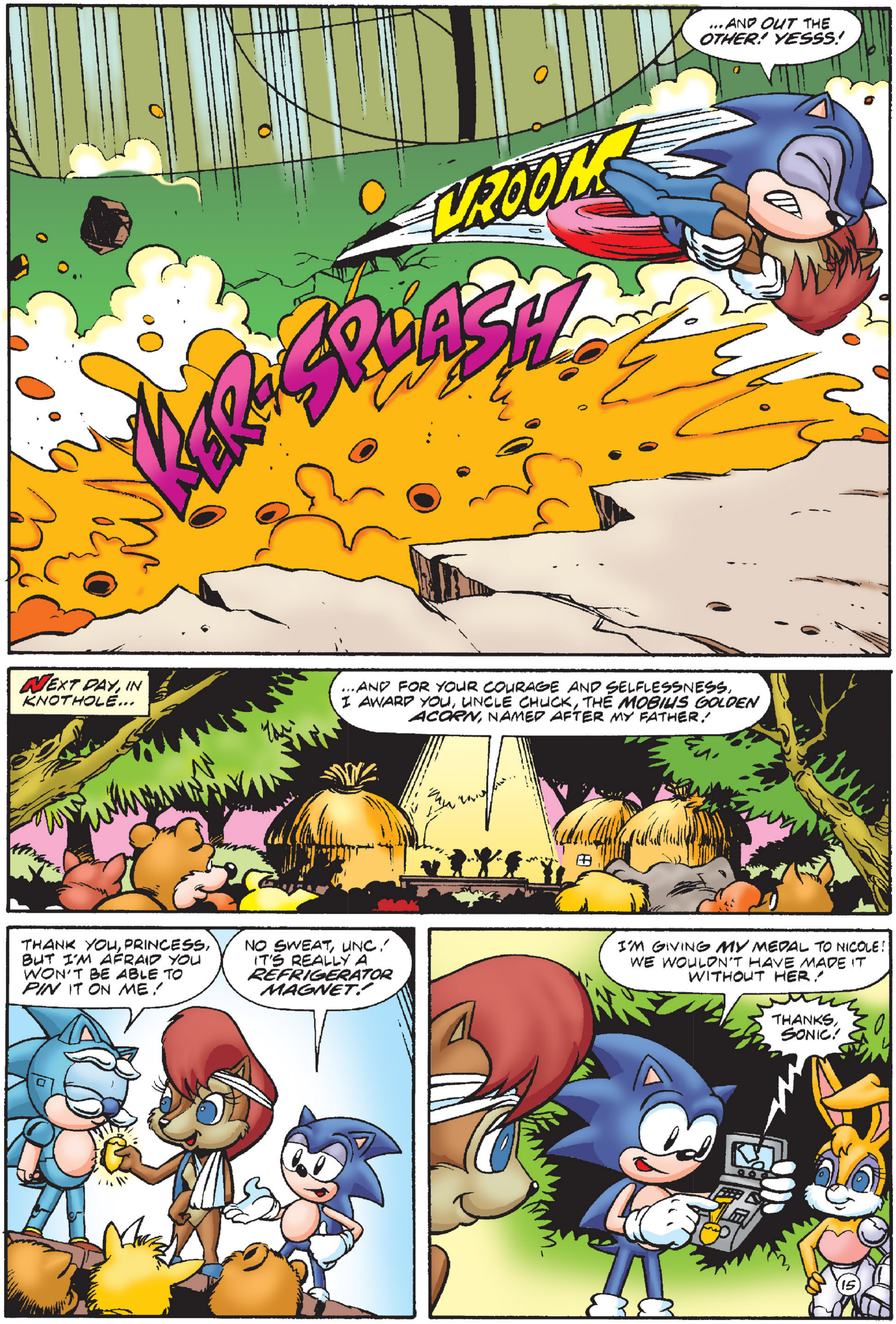
IN THE DAY ROBOTROPOLIS FELL PART 3
AT LEAST THE OTHERS GOT AWAY! MAYBE NICOLE CAN FIGURE OUT AN *ESCAPE ROUTE* FOR *US*!
TELL HER TO MAKE IT *FAST*! THIS TOWN IS ABOUT TO ROCK... *BIG TIME*!
RRRRRRR
RROAR!
SALLY!
DON'T STOP, SAL! KEEP MOVING!
COME ON, NICOLE!

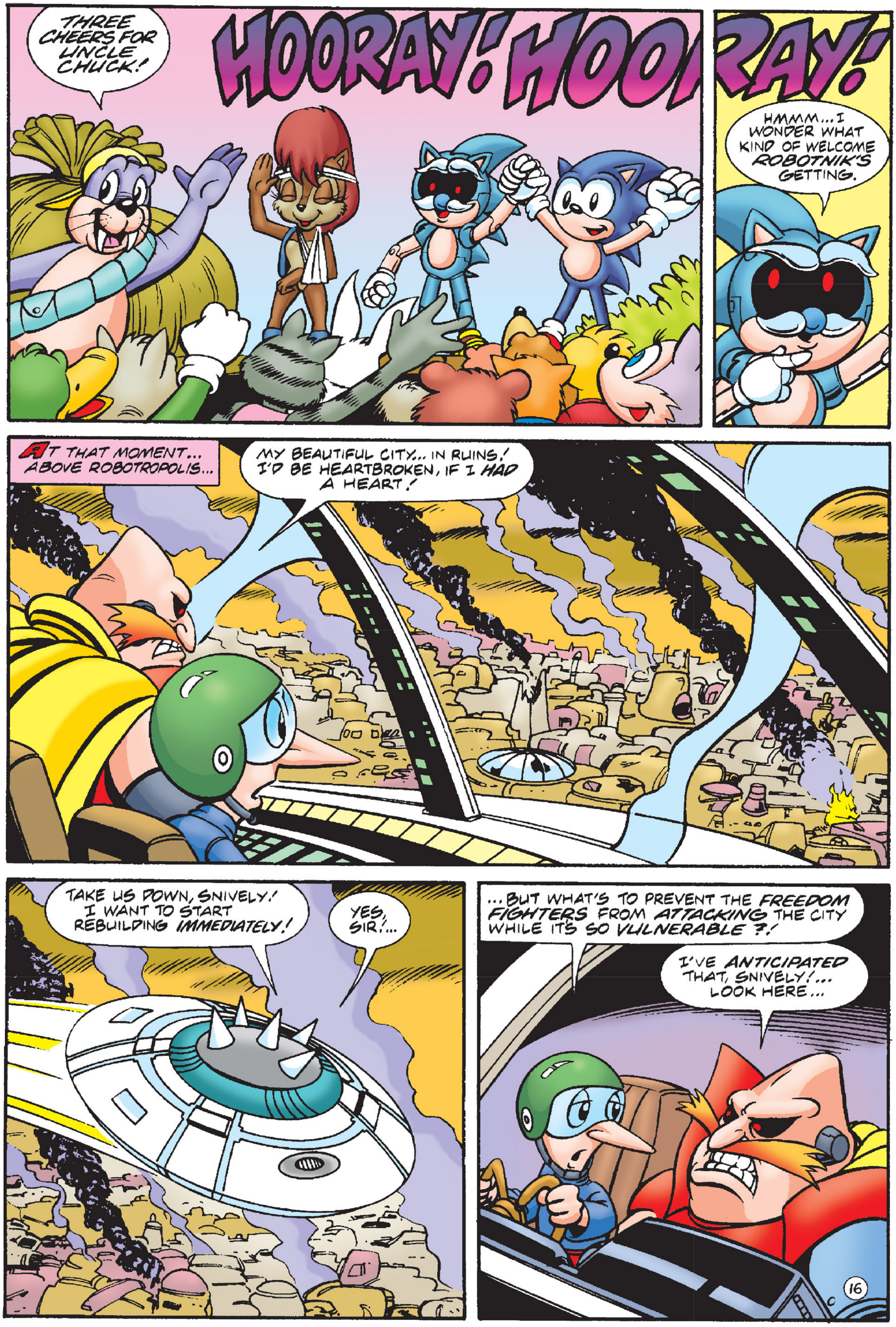

K-THUD!
SHE'S HURT! SAL! SAL!
OHHH...
I'VE GOT TO GET HER BACK TO KNOTHOLE OR SHE WON'T MAKE IT!
WHA...?
ACCORDING TO THE AVAILABLE DATA, THIS IS THE SAFEST ROUTE OUT OF ROBOTROPOLIS... ...CHANCE OF SURVIVAL IS TWELVE PERCENT...
...IF YOU START IN TEN SECONDS AND DON'T STOP! GOOD LUCK, SONIC!
GOOD LUCK? DON'T YOU MEAN "GOOD-BYE"?
HANG ON, SAL!
VROOOOM
RRRRRUMBLE!

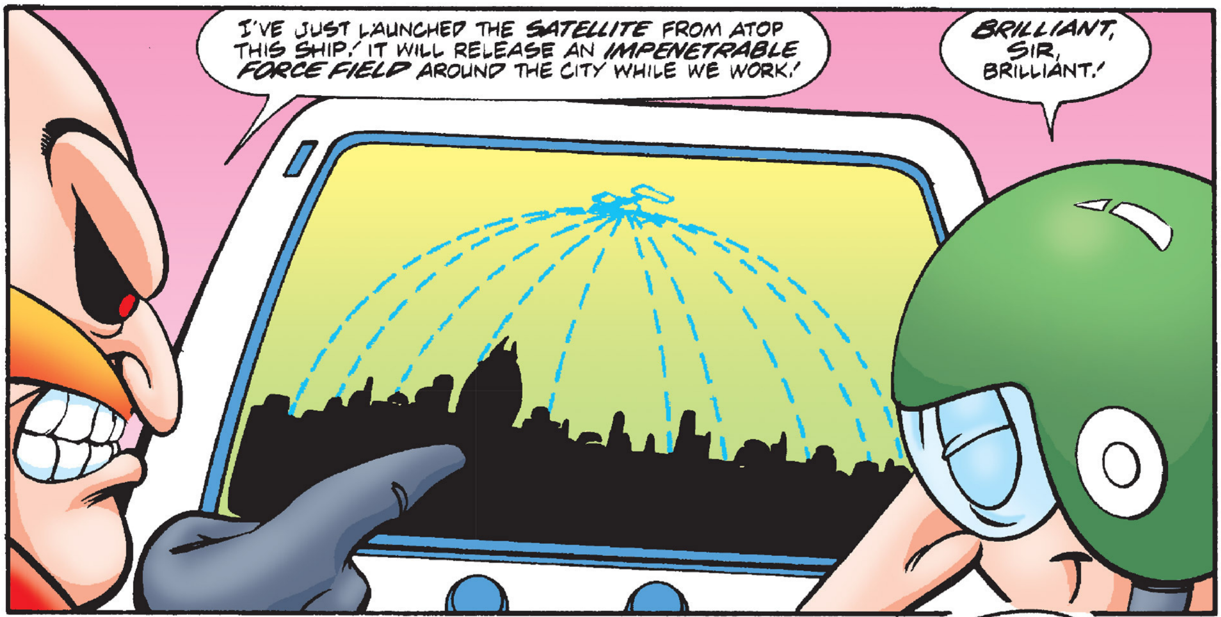

K-TANG!
ZOOM
BAM
WE'RE ALMOST OUT OF THE CITY!
ZOOM
RRUMBLE

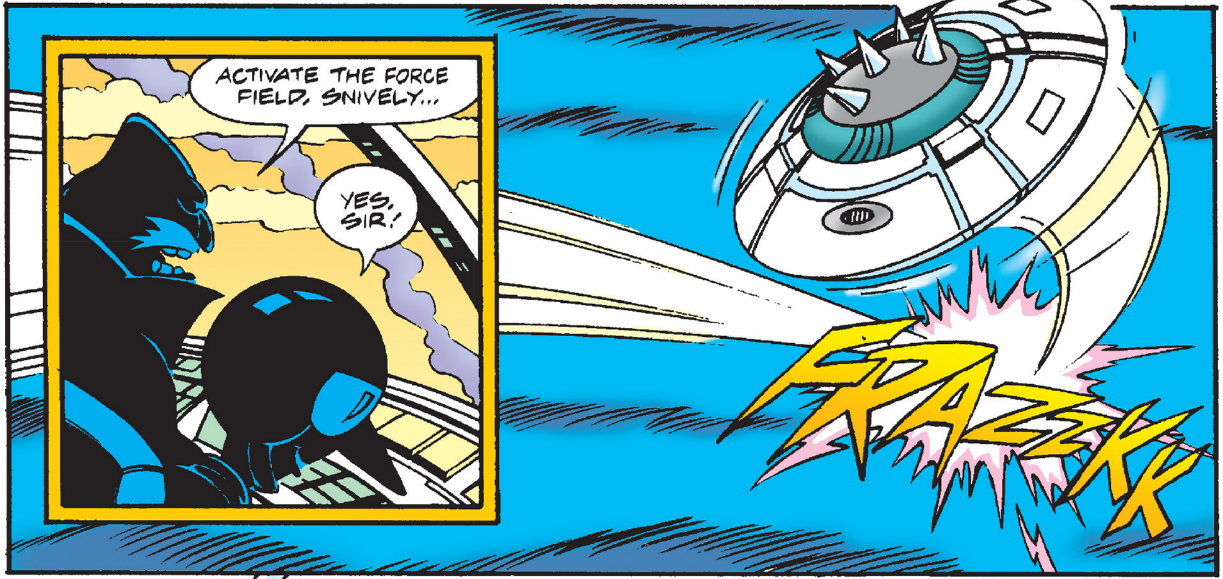

WHOA! THAT CHASM'S FILLING UP WITH HOT LAVA! I CAN TRY TO JUMP ACROSS...

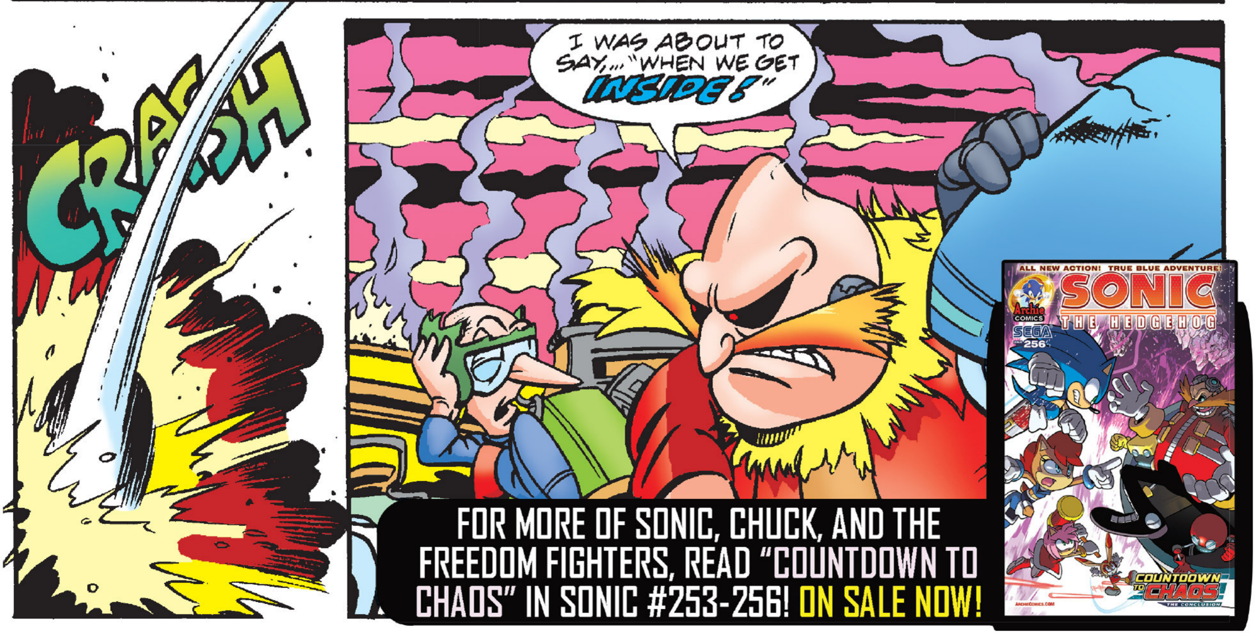

...AND GET SMASHED BY THAT FALLING TOWER! TIME TO CHANGE DIRECTION!
BUT NICOLE SAID NOT TO STOP! WHAT'LL I DO?!!
WAIT! THERE'S A HOLE IN THE TOWER!
HERE I GO!...
...IN ONE SIDE...
URRRRRR...


...AND OUT THE OTHER! YESSS!
VROOM
KER-SPLASH
NEXT DAY, IN KNOTHOLE...
...AND FOR YOUR COURAGE AND SELFLESSNESS, I AWARD YOU, UNCLE CHUCK, THE MOBIUS GOLDEN ACORN, NAMED AFTER MY FATHER!
THANK YOU, PRINCESS, BUT I'M AFRAID YOU WON'T BE ABLE TO PIN IT ON ME!
NO SWEAT, UNC! IT'S REALLY A REFRIGERATOR MAGNET!
I'M GIVING MY MEDAL TO NICOLE! WE WOULDN'T HAVE MADE IT WITHOUT HER!
THANKS, SONIC!


THREE CHEERS FOR UNCLE CHUCK!
HOORAY! HOORAY!
HMMM...I WONDER WHAT KIND OF WELCOME ROBOTNIK'S GETTING.
AT THAT MOMENT... ABOVE ROBOTROPOLIS...
MY BEAUTIFUL CITY... IN RUINS! I'D BE HEARTBROKEN, IF I HAD A HEART!
TAKE US DOWN, SNIVELY! I WANT TO START REBUILDING IMMEDIATELY!
YES, SIR!...
...BUT WHAT'S TO PREVENT THE FREEDOM FIGHTERS FROM ATTACKING THE CITY WHILE IT'S SO VULNERABLE ?!
I'VE ANTICIPATED THAT, SNIVELY!... LOOK HERE...


I'VE JUST LAUNCHED THE *SATELLITE* FROM ATOP THIS SHIP! IT WILL RELEASE AN *IMPENETRABLE FORCE FIELD* AROUND THE CITY WHILE WE WORK!
BRILLIANT, SIR, BRILLIANT!


ACTIVATE THE FORCE FIELD, SNIVELY...
YES, SIR!
FRAZZKK


CRASH
I WAS ABOUT TO SAY... "WHEN WE GET *INSIDE*!"
ALL NEW ACTION! TRUE BLUE ADVENTURE!
SONIC THE HEDGEHOG
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COUNTDOWN TO CHAOS!

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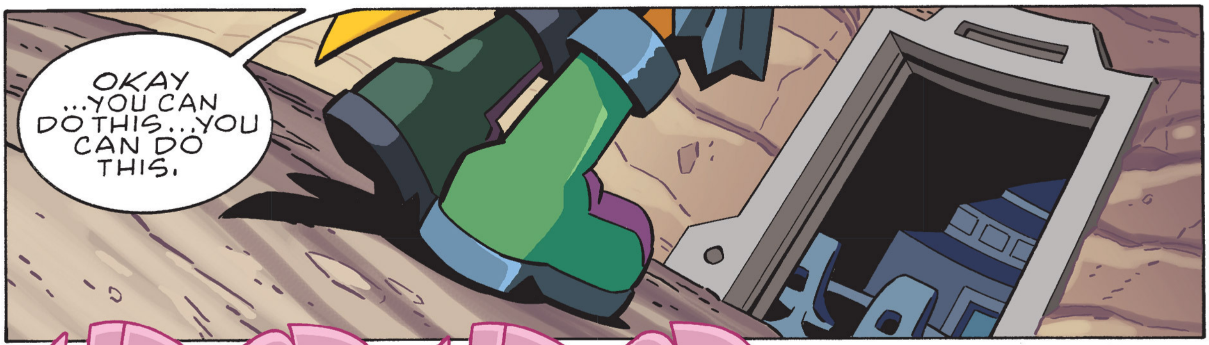
OKAY ...YOU CAN DO THIS...YOU CAN DO THIS.

HEART TO HEART

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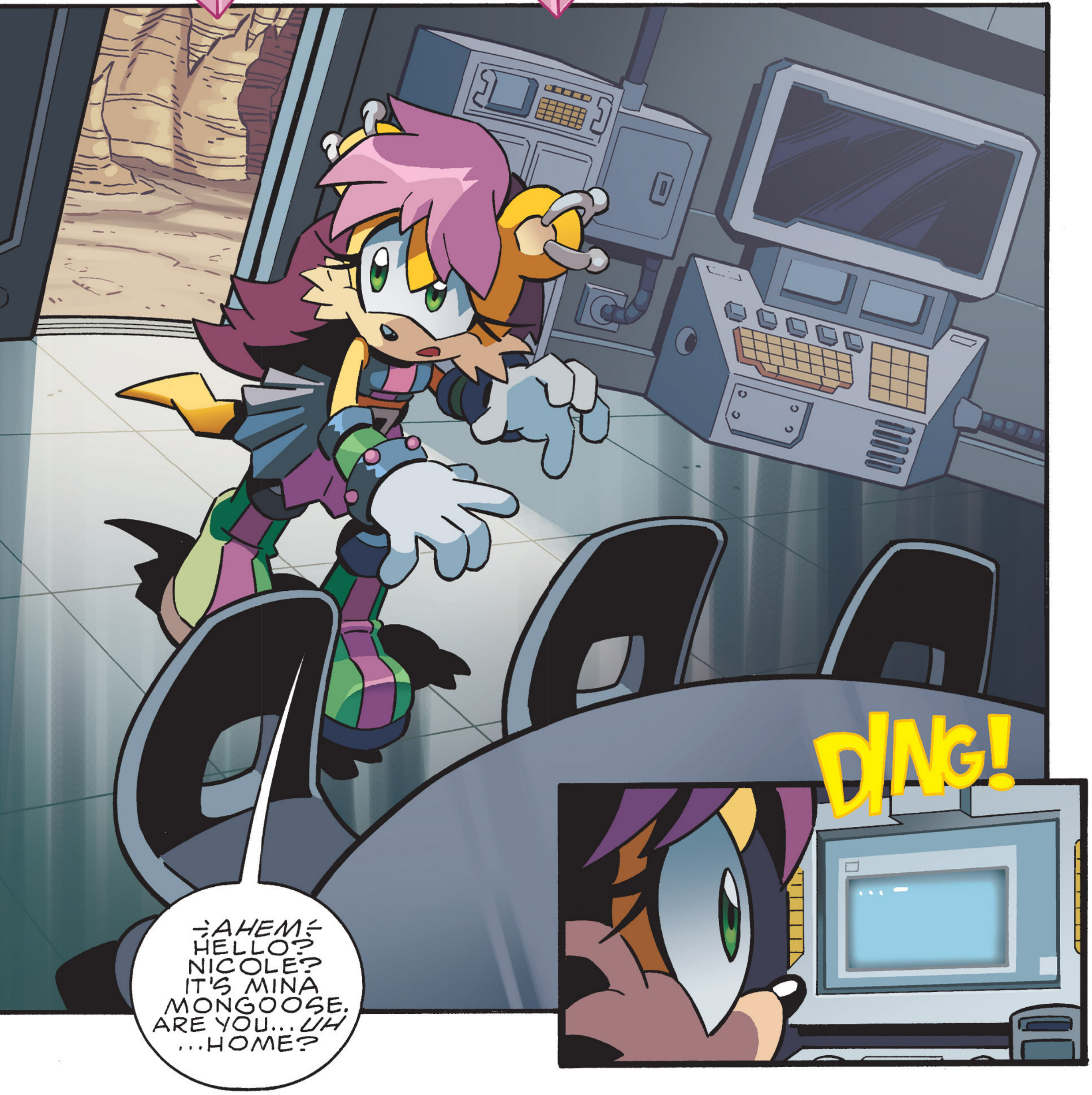
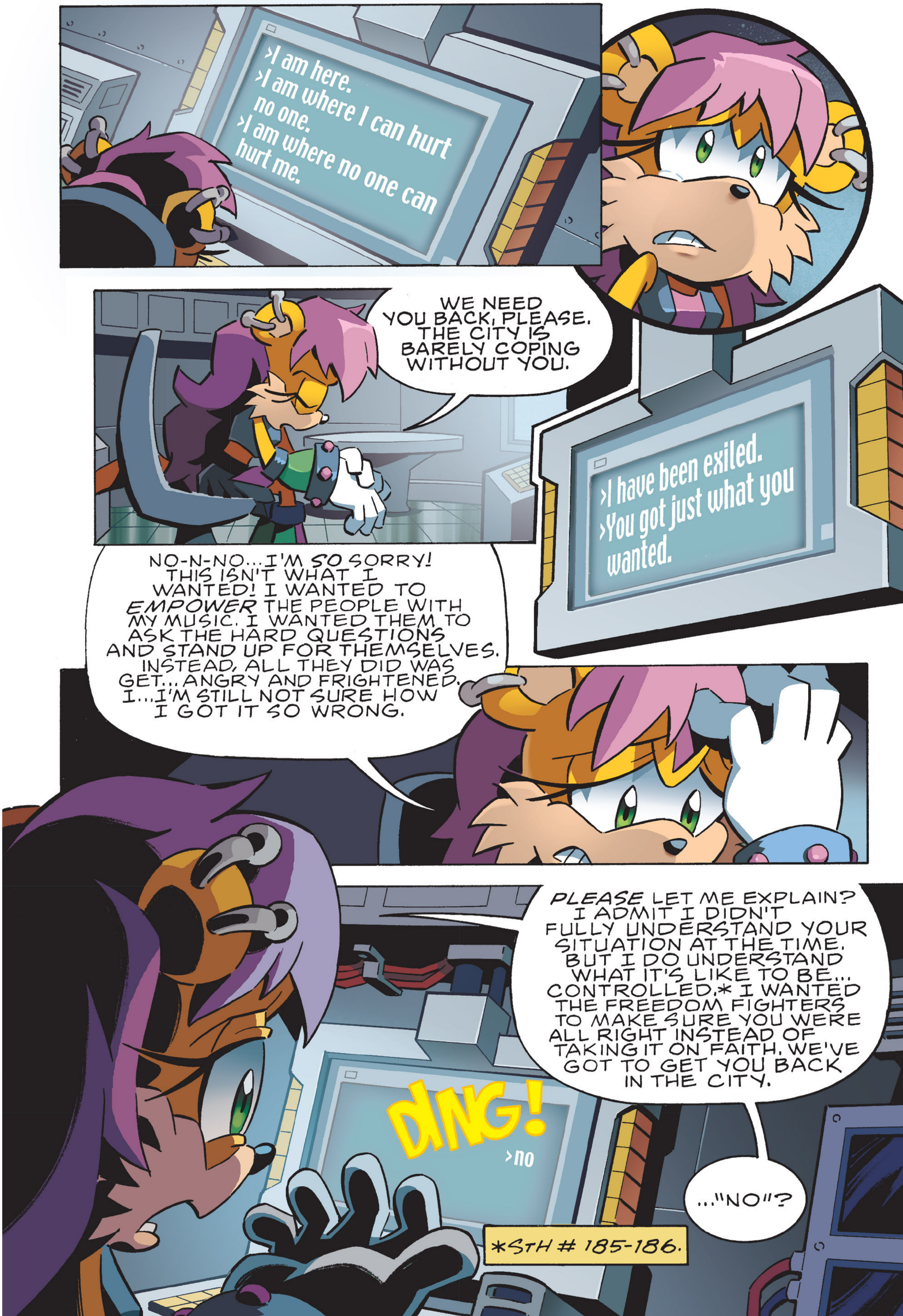
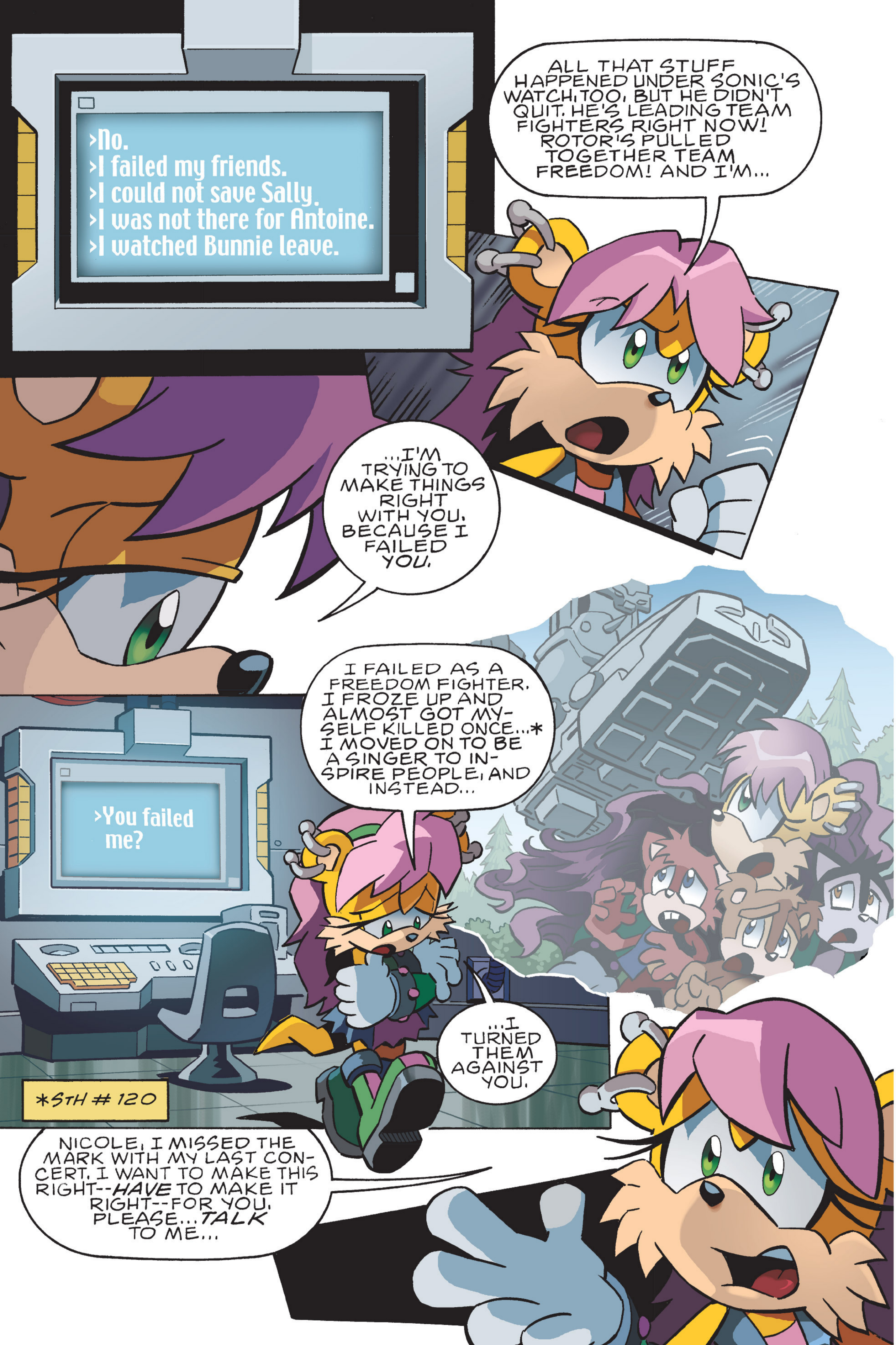
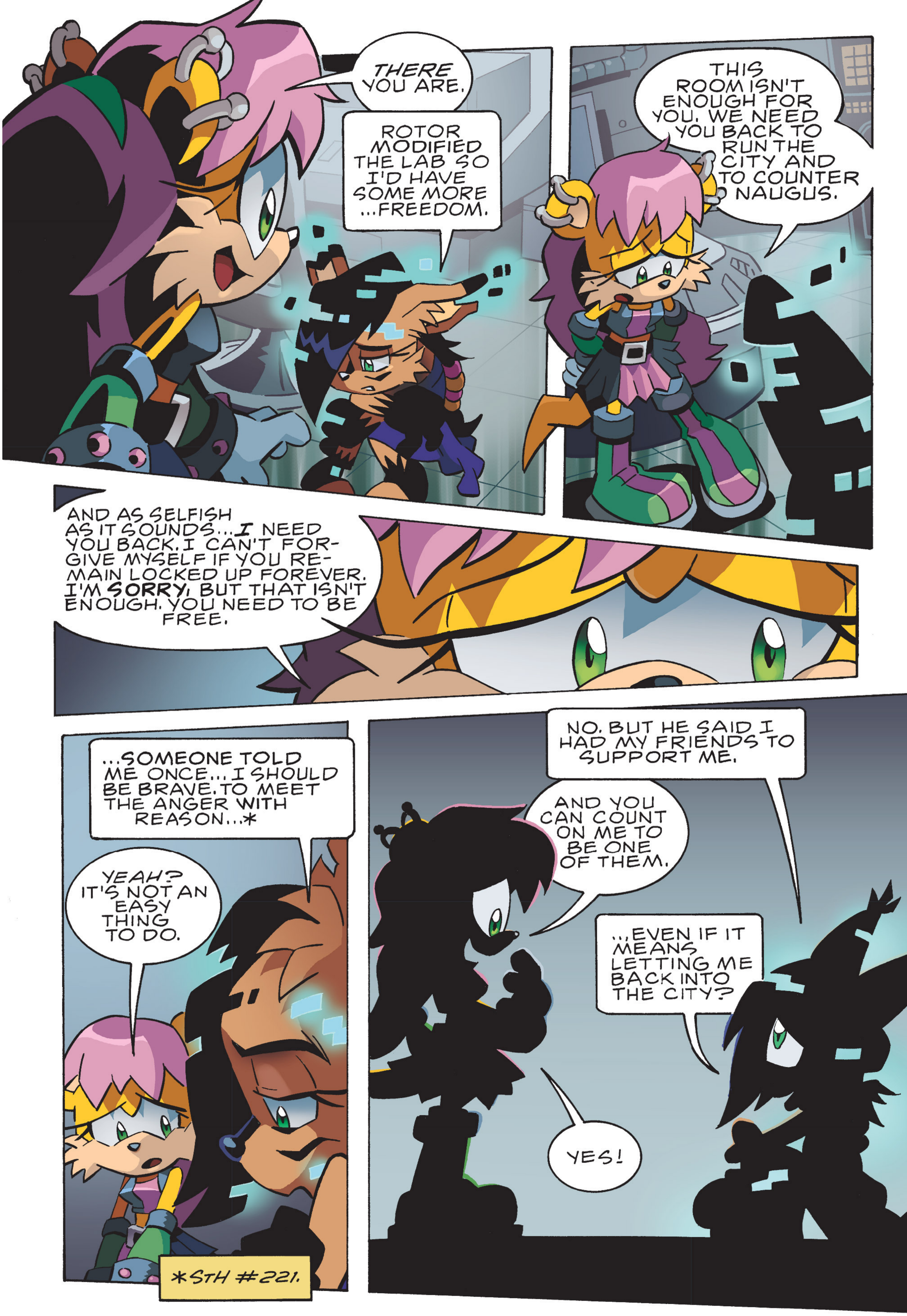
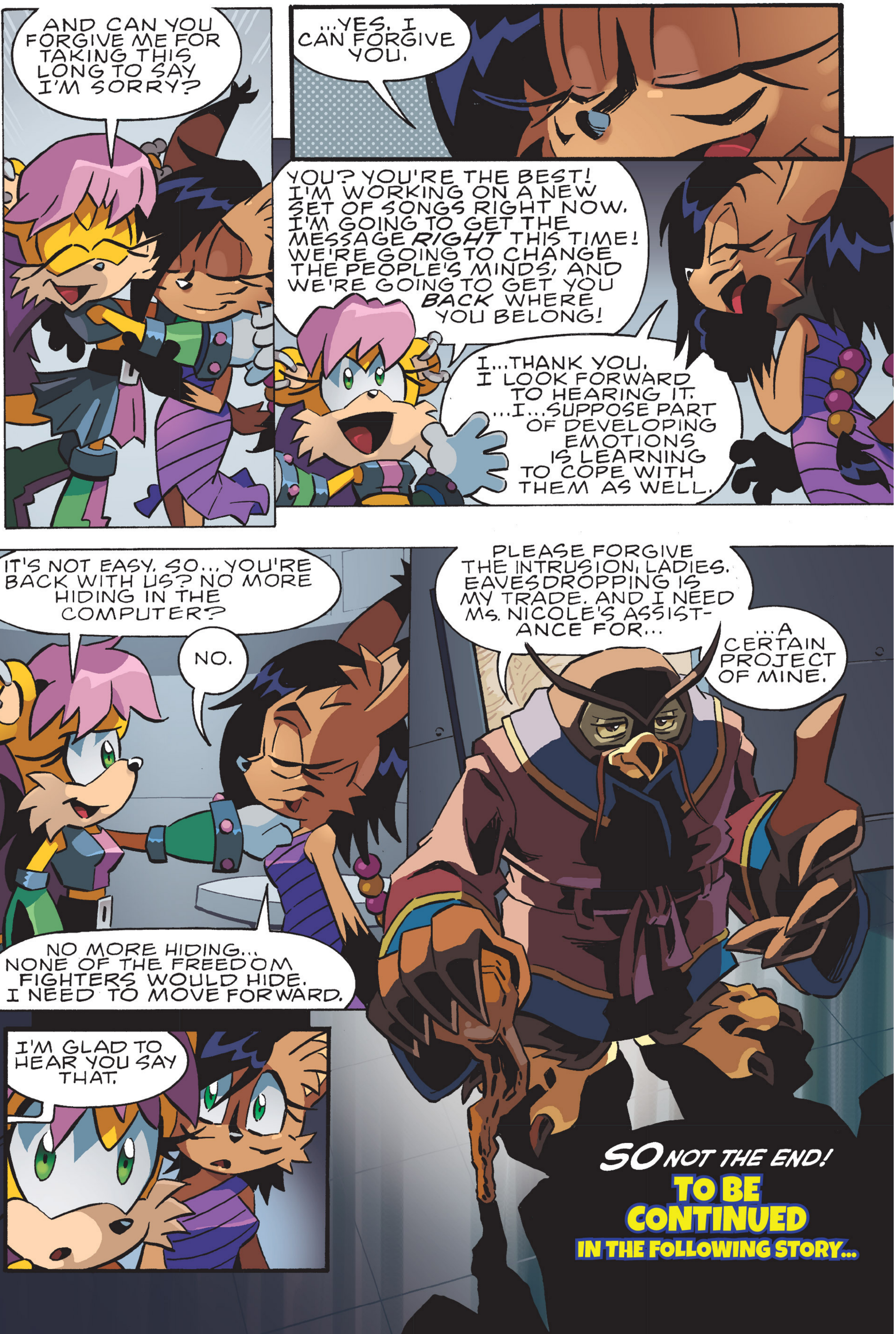
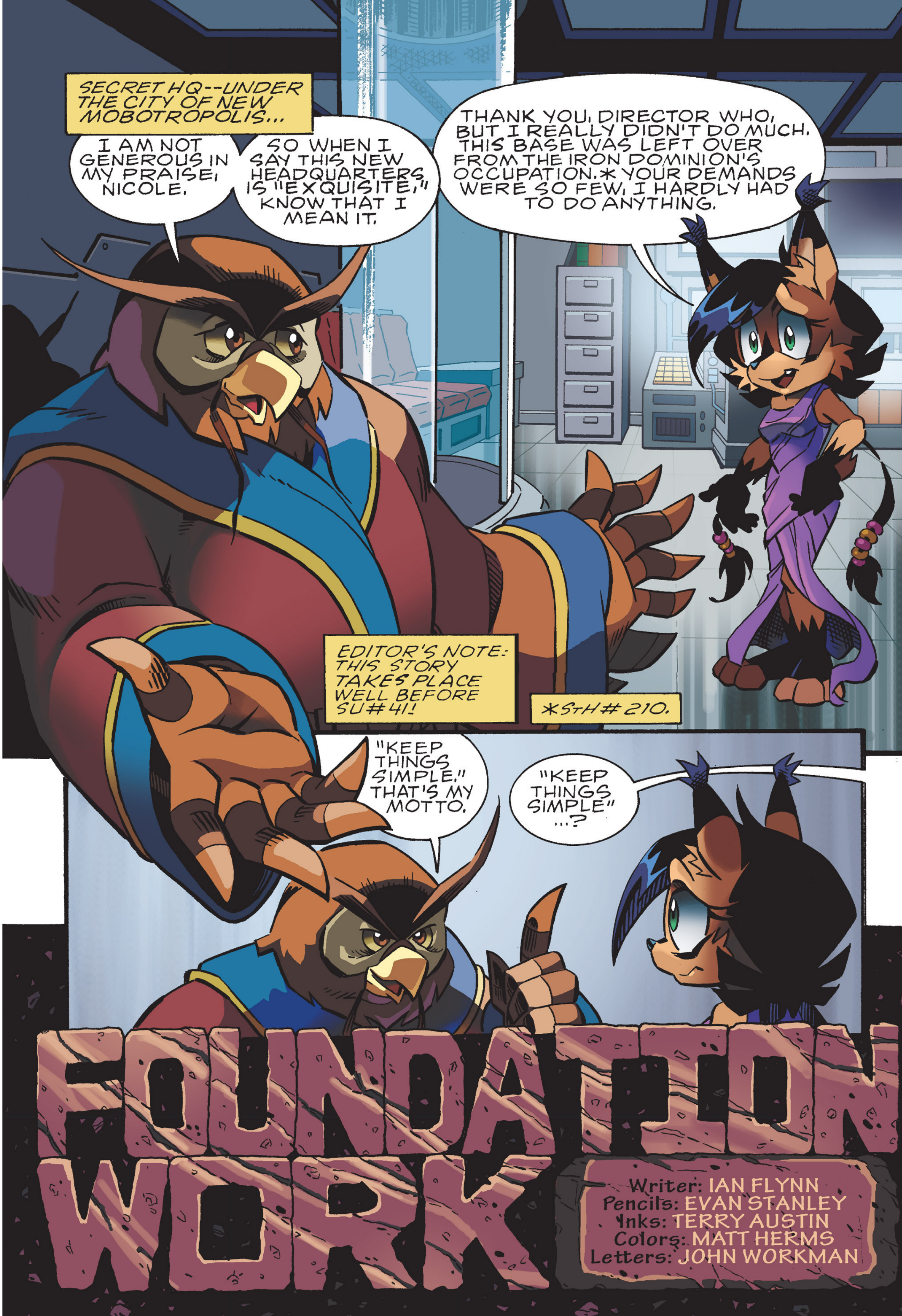

-AHEM- HELLO? NICOLE? IT'S MINA MONGOOSE. ARE YOU... *UH* ...HOME?
DING!


>I am here.
>I am where I can hurt no one.
>I am where no one can hurt me.
WE NEED YOU BACK, PLEASE. THE CITY IS BARELY COPING WITHOUT YOU.
>I have been exiled.
>You got just what you wanted.
NO-N-NO...I'M *SO* SORRY! THIS ISN'T WHAT I WANTED! I WANTED TO *EMPOWER* THE PEOPLE WITH MY MUSIC. I WANTED THEM TO ASK THE HARD QUESTIONS AND STAND UP FOR THEMSELVES. INSTEAD, ALL THEY DID WAS GET... ANGRY AND FRIGHTENED. I...I'M STILL NOT SURE HOW I GOT IT SO WRONG.
PLEASE LET ME EXPLAIN? I ADMIT I DIDN'T FULLY UNDERSTAND YOUR SITUATION AT THE TIME. BUT I DO UNDERSTAND WHAT IT'S LIKE TO BE... CONTROLLED.* I WANTED THE FREEDOM FIGHTERS TO MAKE SURE YOU WERE ALL RIGHT INSTEAD OF TAKING IT ON FAITH. WE'VE GOT TO GET YOU BACK IN THE CITY.
DING!
>no
..."NO"?
*STH # 185-186.


>No.
>I failed my friends.
>I could not save Sally.
>I was not there for Antoine.
>I watched Bunnie leave.
ALL THAT STUFF HAPPENED UNDER SONIC'S WATCH, TOO, BUT HE DIDN'T QUIT. HE'S LEADING TEAM FIGHTERS RIGHT NOW! ROTOR'S PULLED TOGETHER TEAM FREEDOM! AND I'M...
...I'M TRYING TO MAKE THINGS RIGHT WITH YOU, BECAUSE I FAILED YOU.
>You failed me?
I FAILED AS A FREEDOM FIGHTER. I FROZE UP AND ALMOST GOT MYSELF KILLED ONCE...* I MOVED ON TO BE A SINGER TO INSPIRE PEOPLE, AND INSTEAD...
...I TURNED THEM AGAINST YOU.
*StH # 120
NICOLE, I MISSED THE MARK WITH MY LAST CONCERT. I WANT TO MAKE THIS RIGHT--*HAVE* TO MAKE IT RIGHT--FOR YOU. PLEASE... *TALK* TO ME...


THERE YOU ARE.
ROTOR MODIFIED THE LAB SO I'D HAVE SOME MORE ...FREEDOM.
THIS ROOM ISN'T ENOUGH FOR YOU. WE NEED YOU BACK TO RUN THE CITY AND TO COUNTER NAUGUS.
AND AS SELFISH AS IT SOUNDS... *I* NEED YOU BACK. I CAN'T FORGIVE MYSELF IF YOU REMAIN LOCKED UP FOREVER. I'M **SORRY**, BUT THAT ISN'T ENOUGH. YOU NEED TO BE FREE.
...SOMEONE TOLD ME ONCE... I SHOULD BE BRAVE. TO MEET THE ANGER WITH REASON...*
YEAH? IT'S NOT AN EASY THING TO DO.
*StH #221.
NO. BUT HE SAID I HAD MY FRIENDS TO SUPPORT ME.
AND YOU CAN COUNT ON ME TO BE ONE OF THEM.
...EVEN IF IT MEANS LETTING ME BACK INTO THE CITY?
YES!


AND CAN YOU FORGIVE ME FOR TAKING THIS LONG TO SAY I'M SORRY?
...YES. I CAN FORGIVE YOU.
YOU? YOU'RE THE BEST! I'M WORKING ON A NEW SET OF SONGS RIGHT NOW. I'M GOING TO GET THE MESSAGE *RIGHT* THIS TIME! WE'RE GOING TO CHANGE THE PEOPLE'S MINDS, AND WE'RE GOING TO GET YOU *BACK* WHERE YOU BELONG!
I...THANK YOU. I LOOK FORWARD TO HEARING IT. ...I...SUPPOSE PART OF DEVELOPING EMOTIONS IS LEARNING TO COPE WITH THEM AS WELL.
IT'S NOT EASY. SO... YOU'RE BACK WITH US? NO MORE HIDING IN THE COMPUTER?
NO.
NO MORE HIDING... NONE OF THE FREEDOM FIGHTERS WOULD HIDE. I NEED TO MOVE FORWARD.
I'M GLAD TO HEAR YOU SAY THAT.
PLEASE FORGIVE THE INTRUSION, LADIES. EAVESDROPPING IS MY TRADE. AND I NEED MS. NICOLE'S ASSISTANCE FOR...
...A CERTAIN PROJECT OF MINE.
SO NOT THE END!
TO BE CONTINUED
IN THE FOLLOWING STORY...


SECRET HQ--UNDER THE CITY OF NEW MOBOTROPOLIS...
I AM NOT GENEROUS IN MY PRAISE, NICOLE.
SO WHEN I SAY THIS NEW HEADQUARTERS IS "EXQUISITE," KNOW THAT I MEAN IT.
THANK YOU, DIRECTOR WHO, BUT I REALLY DIDN'T DO MUCH. THIS BASE WAS LEFT OVER FROM THE IRON DOMINION'S OCCUPATION.* YOUR DEMANDS WERE SO FEW, I HARDLY HAD TO DO ANYTHING.
EDITOR'S NOTE: THIS STORY TAKES PLACE WELL BEFORE SU #41!
*StH #210.
"KEEP THINGS SIMPLE." THAT'S MY MOTTO.
"KEEP THINGS SIMPLE" ...?
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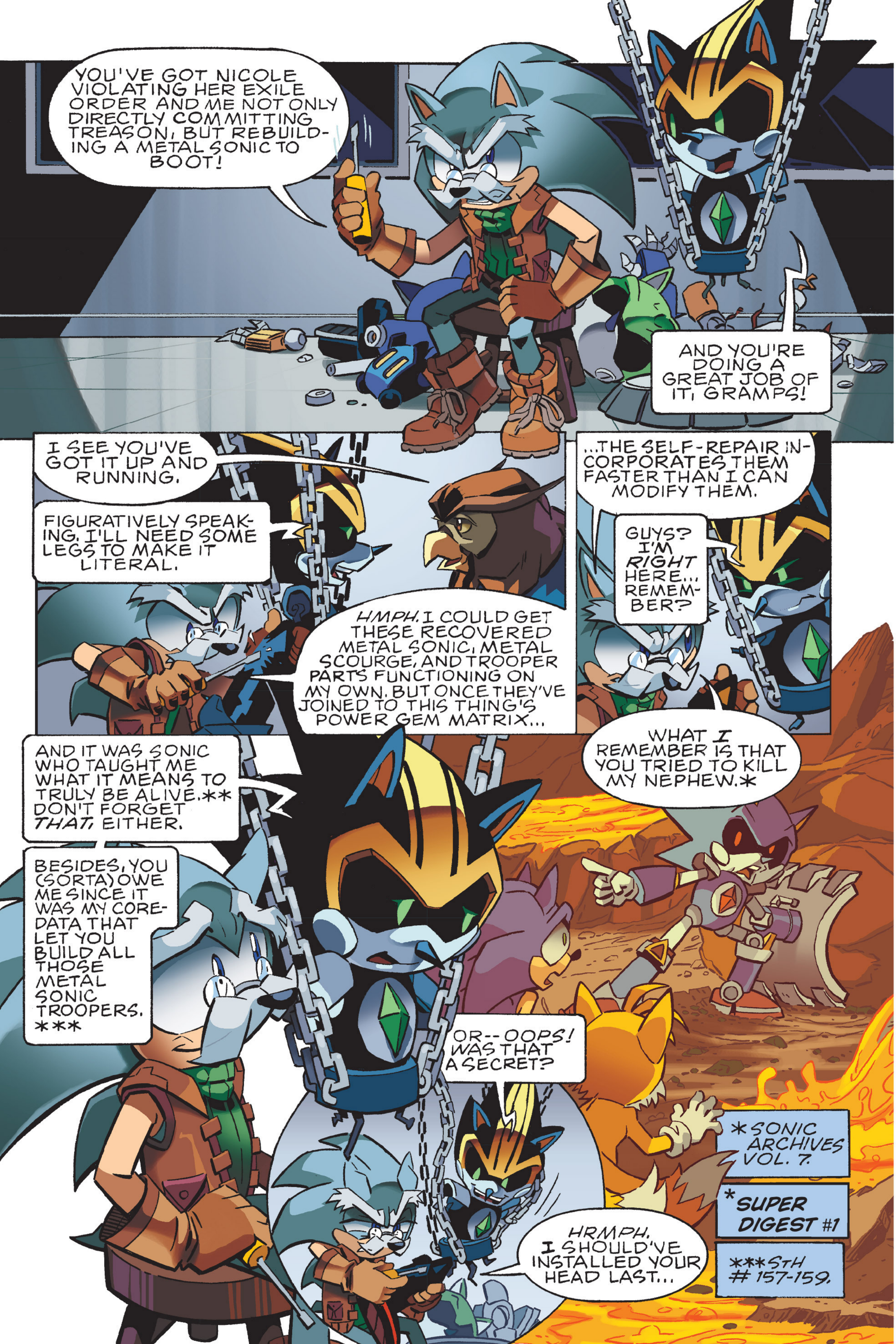
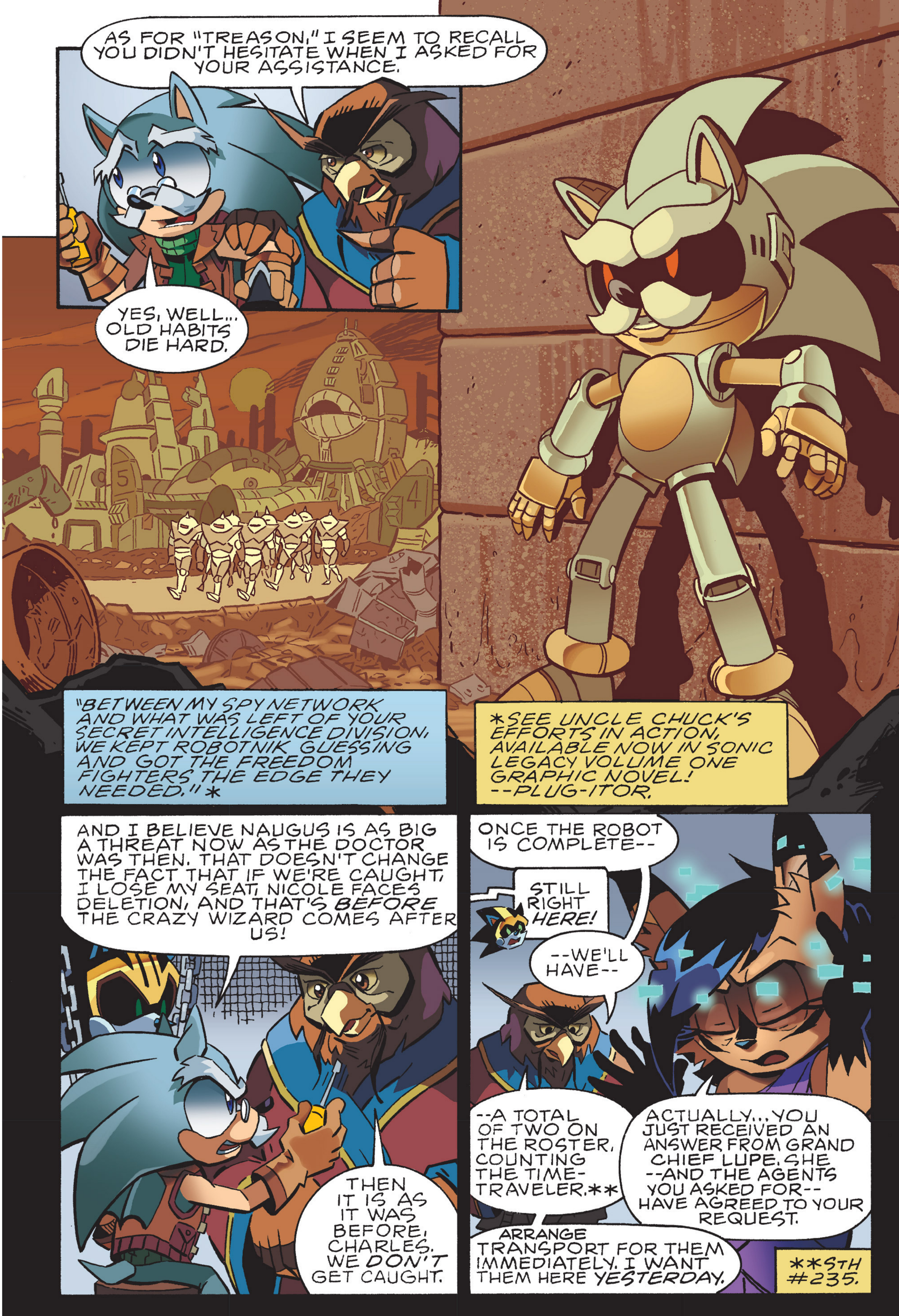
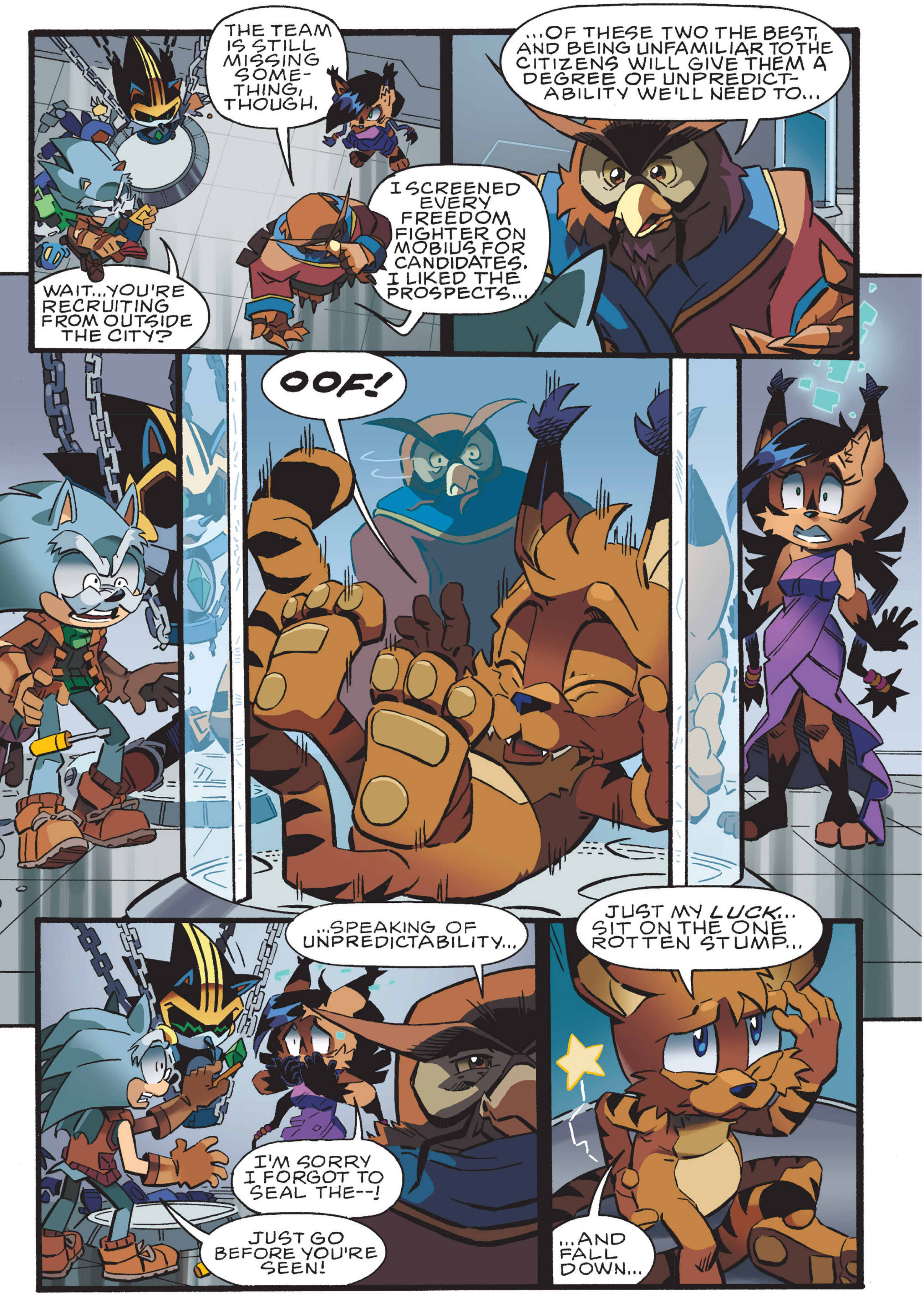
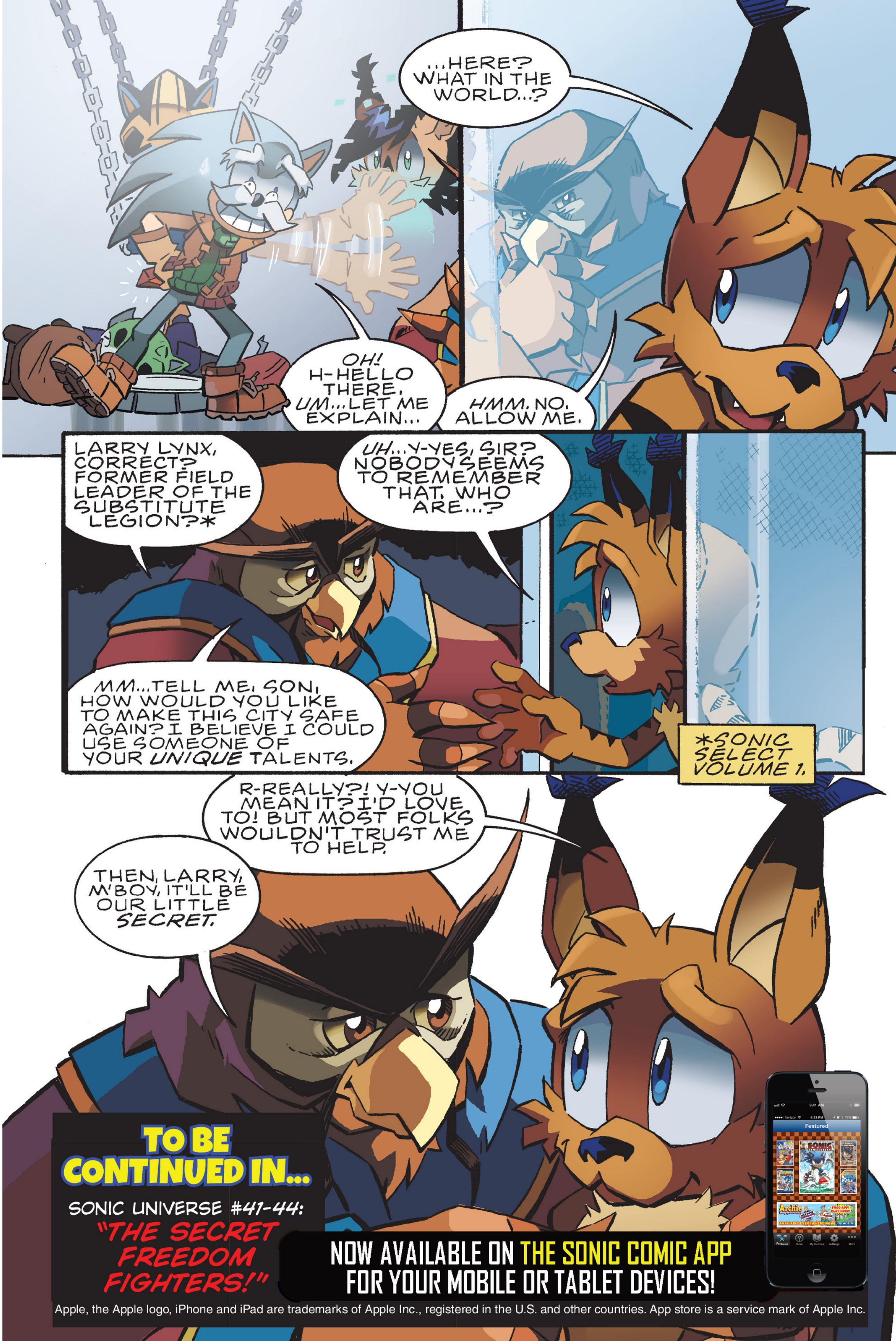

YOU'VE GOT NICOLE VIOLATING HER EXILE ORDER AND ME NOT ONLY DIRECTLY COMMITTING TREASON, BUT REBUILDING A METAL SONIC TO BOOT!
AND YOU'RE DOING A GREAT JOB OF IT, GRAMPS!
I SEE YOU'VE GOT IT UP AND RUNNING.
FIGURATIVELY SPEAKING. I'LL NEED SOME LEGS TO MAKE IT LITERAL.
HMPH. I COULD GET THESE RECOVERED METAL SONIC, METAL SCOURGE, AND TROOPER PARTS FUNCTIONING ON MY OWN. BUT ONCE THEY'VE JOINED TO THIS THING'S POWER GEM MATRIX...
...THE SELF-REPAIR INCORPORATES THEM FASTER THAN I CAN MODIFY THEM.
GUYS? I'M *RIGHT* HERE... REMEMBER?
WHAT *I* REMEMBER IS THAT YOU TRIED TO KILL MY NEPHEW.*
AND IT WAS SONIC WHO TAUGHT ME WHAT IT MEANS TO TRULY BE ALIVE.** DON'T FORGET *THAT*, EITHER.
BESIDES, YOU (SORTA) OWE ME SINCE IT WAS MY CORE-DATA THAT LET YOU BUILD ALL THOSE METAL SONIC TROOPERS. ***
OR-- *OOPS!* WAS THAT A SECRET?
HRMPH. I SHOULD'VE INSTALLED YOUR HEAD LAST...
*SONIC ARCHIVES VOL. 7.
***SUPER DIGEST* #1**
***STH # 157-159.


AS FOR "TREASON," I SEEM TO RECALL YOU DIDN'T HESITATE WHEN I ASKED FOR YOUR ASSISTANCE.
YES, WELL... OLD HABITS DIE HARD.
"BETWEEN MY SPY NETWORK AND WHAT WAS LEFT OF YOUR SECRET INTELLIGENCE DIVISION, WE KEPT ROBOTNIK GUESSING AND GOT THE FREEDOM FIGHTERS THE EDGE THEY NEEDED."*
*SEE UNCLE CHUCK'S EFFORTS IN ACTION, AVAILABLE NOW IN SONIC LEGACY VOLUME ONE GRAPHIC NOVEL! --PLUG-ITOR.
AND I BELIEVE NAUGUS IS AS BIG A THREAT NOW AS THE DOCTOR WAS THEN. THAT DOESN'T CHANGE THE FACT THAT IF WE'RE CAUGHT, I LOSE MY SEAT, NICOLE FACES DELETION, AND THAT'S *BEFORE* THE CRAZY WIZARD COMES AFTER US!
THEN IT IS AS IT WAS BEFORE, CHARLES. WE *DON'T* GET CAUGHT.
ONCE THE ROBOT IS COMPLETE--
STILL RIGHT *HERE!*
--WE'LL HAVE--
--A TOTAL OF TWO ON THE ROSTER, COUNTING THE TIME-TRAVELER.**
ACTUALLY... YOU JUST RECEIVED AN ANSWER FROM GRAND CHIEF LUPE. SHE --AND THE AGENTS YOU ASKED FOR-- HAVE AGREED TO YOUR REQUEST.
ARRANGE TRANSPORT FOR THEM IMMEDIATELY. I WANT THEM HERE *YESTERDAY.*
**STH #235.


THE TEAM IS STILL MISSING SOMETHING, THOUGH.
WAIT...YOU'RE RECRUITING FROM OUTSIDE THE CITY?
I SCREENED EVERY FREEDOM FIGHTER ON MOBIUS FOR CANDIDATES. I LIKED THE PROSPECTS...
...OF THESE TWO THE BEST, AND BEING UNFAMILIAR TO THE CITIZENS WILL GIVE THEM A DEGREE OF UNPREDICTABILITY WE'LL NEED TO...
OOF!
...SPEAKING OF UNPREDICTABILITY...
I'M SORRY I FORGOT TO SEAL THE--!
JUST GO BEFORE YOU'RE SEEN!
JUST MY *LUCK*... SIT ON THE ONE ROTTEN STUMP...
...AND FALL DOWN...


...HERE? WHAT IN THE WORLD...?
OH! H-HELLO THERE. UM...LET ME EXPLAIN...
HMM. NO. ALLOW ME.
LARRY LYNX, CORRECT? FORMER FIELD LEADER OF THE SUBSTITUTE LEGION?*
UH...Y-YES, SIR? NOBODY SEEMS TO REMEMBER THAT. WHO ARE...?
MM...TELL ME, SON, HOW WOULD YOU LIKE TO MAKE THIS CITY SAFE AGAIN? I BELIEVE I COULD USE SOMEONE OF YOUR UNIQUE TALENTS.
*SONIC SELECT VOLUME 1.
R-REALLY?! Y-YOU MEAN IT? I'D LOVE TO! BUT MOST FOLKS WOULDN'T TRUST ME TO HELP.
THEN, LARRY, M'BOY, IT'LL BE OUR LITTLE SECRET.
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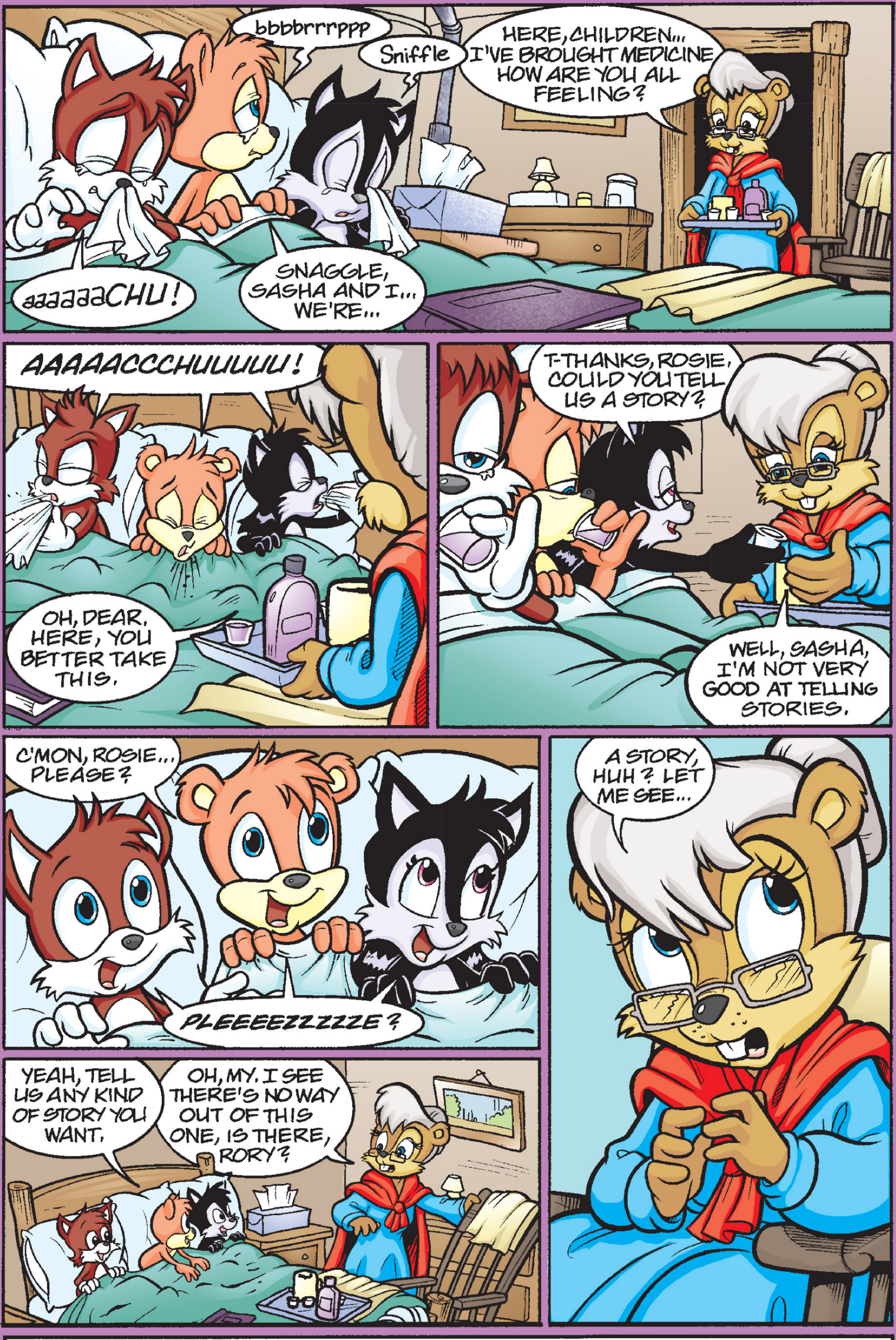
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Sniffle
HERE, CHILDREN... I'VE BROUGHT MEDICINE. HOW ARE YOU ALL FEELING?
aaaaaaCHU!
SNAGGLE, SASHA AND I... WE'RE...
AAAAACCCHUUUUU!
OH, DEAR. HERE, YOU BETTER TAKE THIS.
T-THANKS, ROSIE. COULD YOU TELL US A STORY?
WELL, SASHA, I'M NOT VERY GOOD AT TELLING STORIES.
C'MON, ROSIE... PLEASE?
PLEEEEZZZZZE?
A STORY, HUH? LET ME SEE...
YEAH, TELL US ANY KIND OF STORY YOU WANT.
OH, MY. I SEE THERE'S NO WAY OUT OF THIS ONE, IS THERE, RORY?

ROMY CHACON-**WALK THE PLANK** ART MAWHINNEY-**SWAB THE DECK** VICKIE WILLIAMS-**HOIST THE SAILS**
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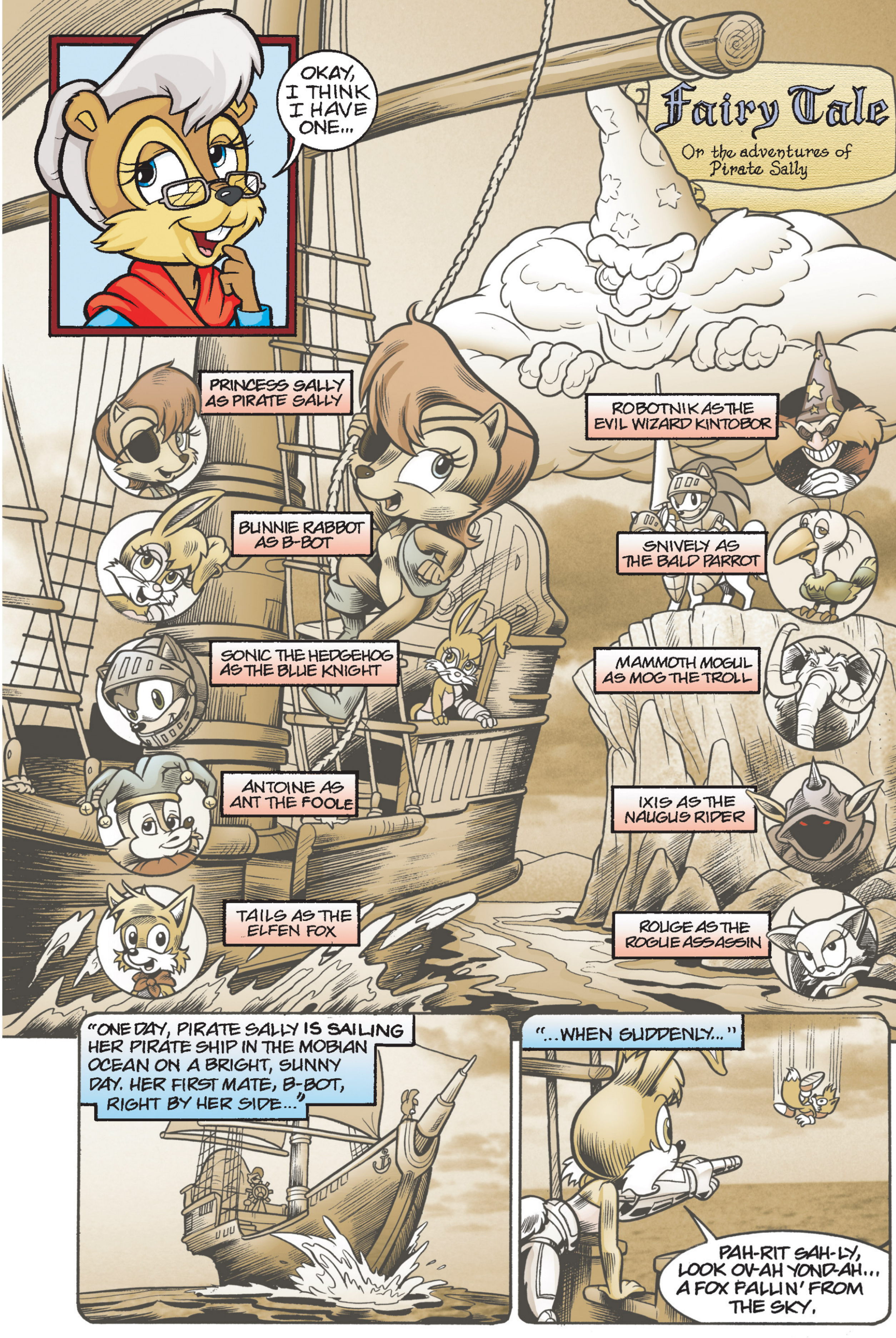
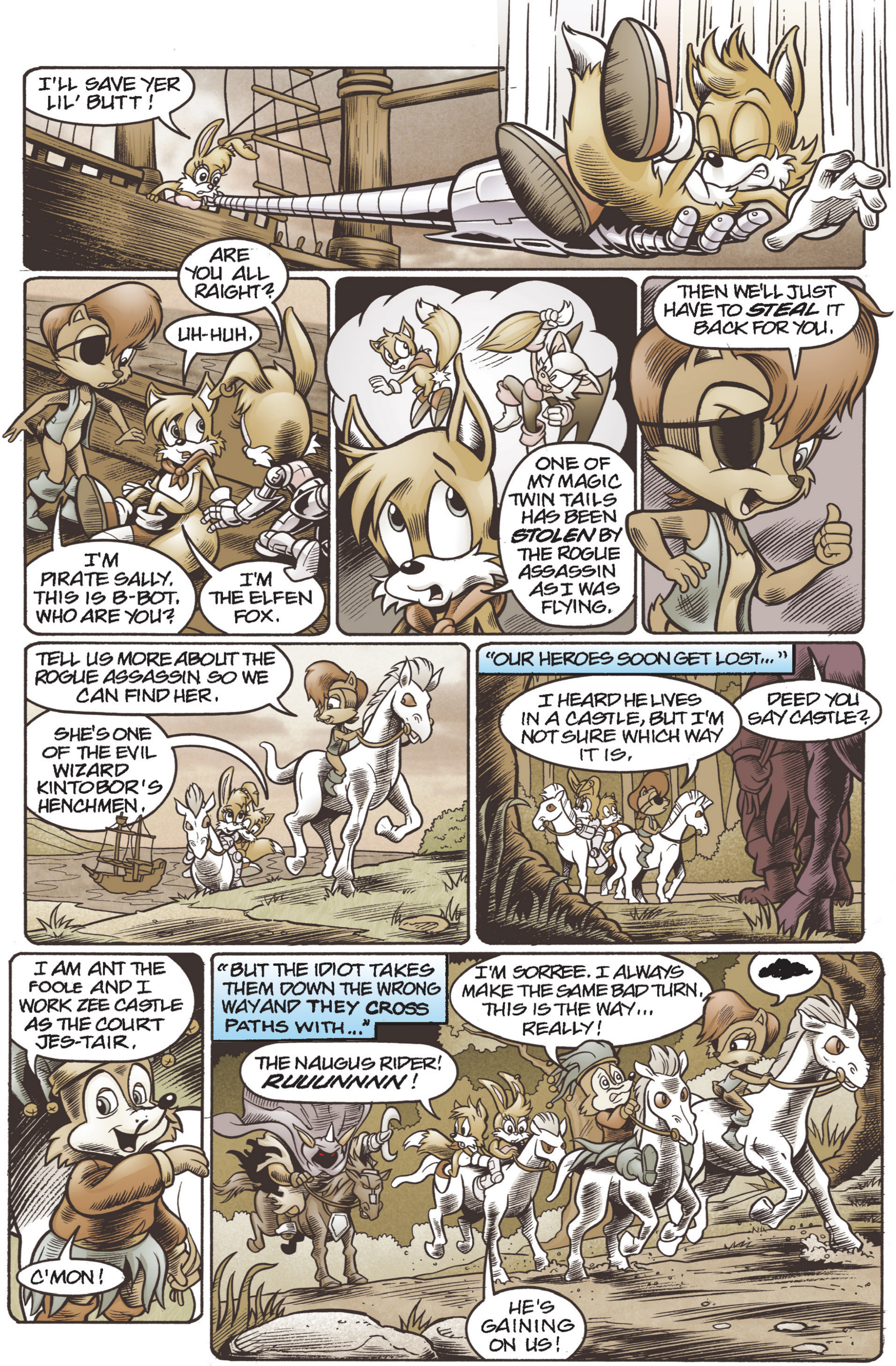
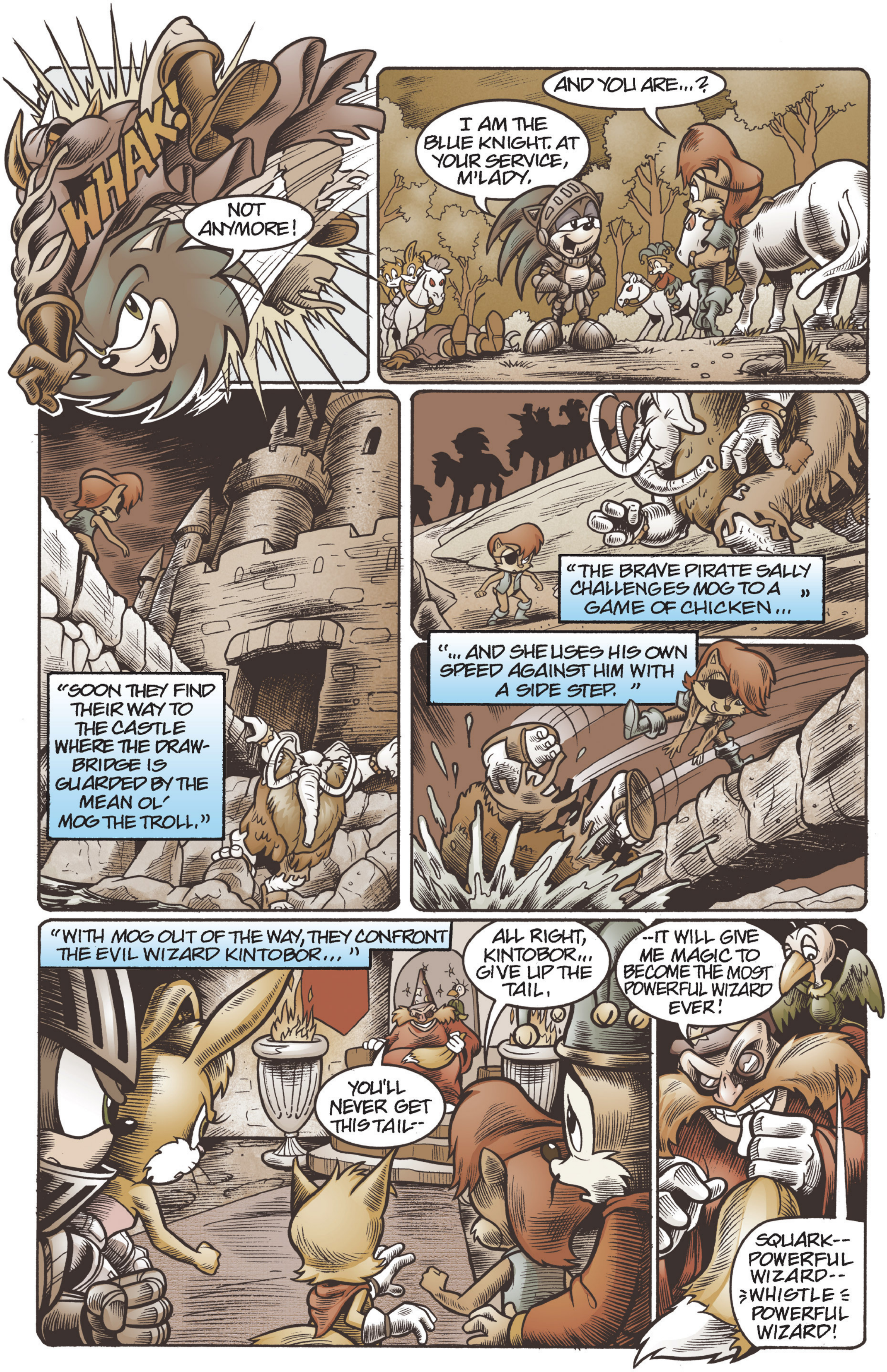
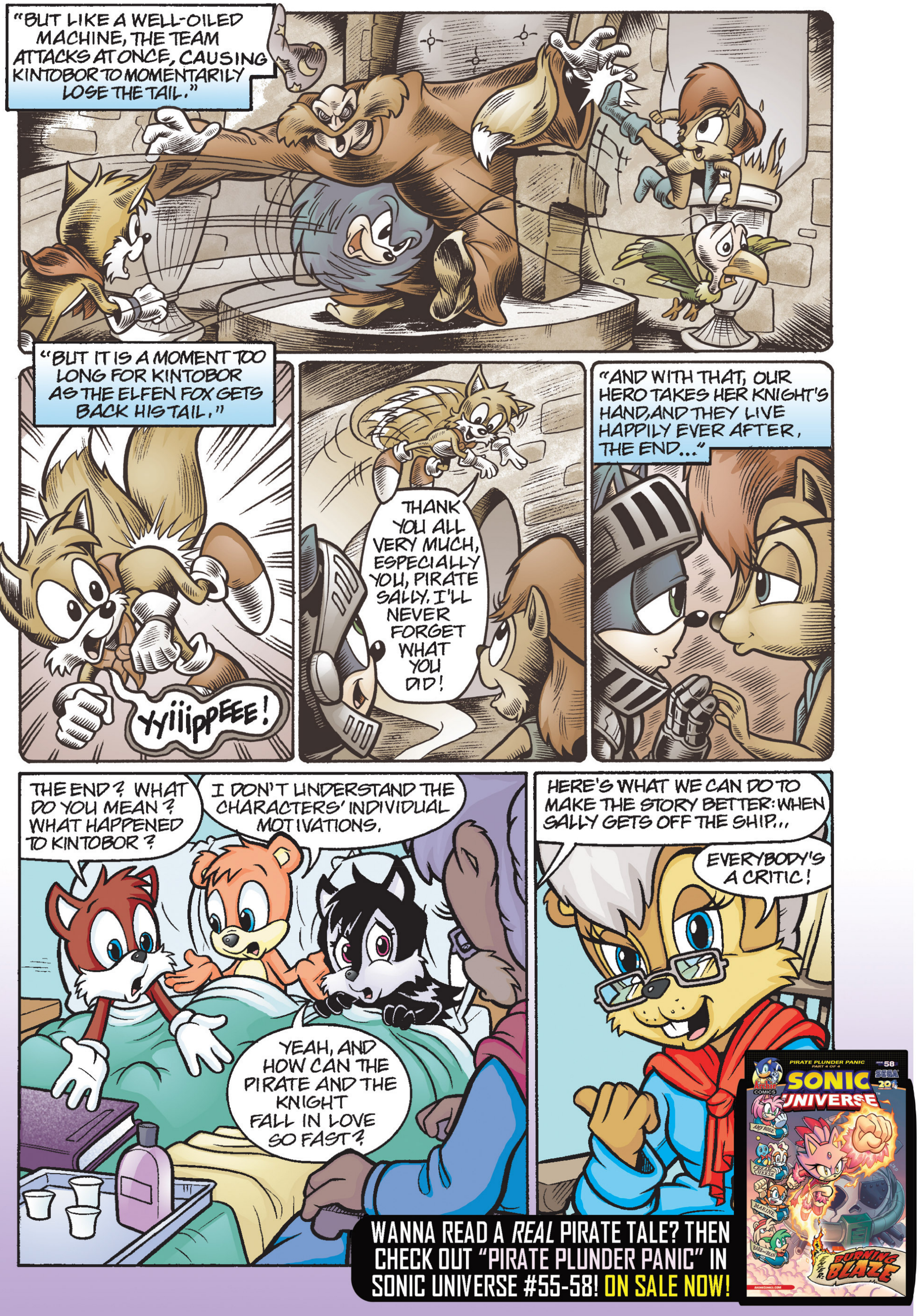

OKAY, I THINK I HAVE ONE...
Fairy Tale
Or the adventures of Pirate Sally
PRINCESS SALLY AS PIRATE SALLY
BUNNIE RABBOT AS B-BOT
SONIC THE HEDGEHOG AS THE BLUE KNIGHT
ANTOINE AS ANT THE FOOLE
TAILS AS THE ELFEN FOX
ROBOTNIK AS THE EVIL WIZARD KINTOBOR
SNIVELY AS THE BALD PARROT
MAMMOTH MOGUL AS MOG THE TROLL
IXIS AS THE NAUGUS RIDER
ROUGE AS THE ROGUE ASSASSIN
"ONE DAY, PIRATE SALLY IS SAILING HER PIRATE SHIP IN THE MOBIAN OCEAN ON A BRIGHT, SUNNY DAY. HER FIRST MATE, B-BOT, RIGHT BY HER SIDE..."
"...WHEN SUDDENLY..."
PAH-RIT SAH-LY, LOOK OV-AH YOND-AH... A FOX FALLIN' FROM THE SKY.


I'LL SAVE YER LIL' BUTT!
ARE YOU ALL RAIGHT?
UH-HUH.
I'M PIRATE SALLY. THIS IS B-BOT. WHO ARE YOU?
I'M THE ELFEN FOX.
ONE OF MY MAGIC TWIN TAILS HAS BEEN STOLEN BY THE ROGUE ASSASSIN AS I WAS FLYING.
THEN WE'LL JUST HAVE TO STEAL IT BACK FOR YOU.
TELL US MORE ABOUT THE ROGUE ASSASSIN SO WE CAN FIND HER.
SHE'S ONE OF THE EVIL WIZARD KINTOBOR'S HENCHMEN.
"OUR HEROES SOON GET LOST..."
I HEARD HE LIVES IN A CASTLE, BUT I'M NOT SURE WHICH WAY IT IS.
DEED YOU SAY CASTLE?
I AM ANT THE FOOLE AND I WORK ZEE CASTLE AS THE COURT JES-TAIR.
C'MON!
"BUT THE IDIOT TAKES THEM DOWN THE WRONG WAY AND THEY CROSS PATHS WITH..."
I'M SORREE. I ALWAYS MAKE THE SAME BAD TURN. THIS IS THE WAY... REALLY!
THE NAUGUS RIDER! RUUUNNNN!
HE'S GAINING ON US!


WHAK!
NOT ANYMORE!
AND YOU ARE...?
I AM THE BLUE KNIGHT. AT YOUR SERVICE, M'LADY.
"SOON THEY FIND THEIR WAY TO THE CASTLE WHERE THE DRAWBRIDGE IS GUARDED BY THE MEAN OL' MOG THE TROLL."
"THE BRAVE PIRATE SALLY CHALLENGES MOG TO A GAME OF CHICKEN..."
"...AND SHE USES HIS OWN SPEED AGAINST HIM WITH A SIDE STEP."
"WITH MOG OUT OF THE WAY, THEY CONFRONT THE EVIL WIZARD KINTOBOR..."
ALL RIGHT, KINTOBOR... GIVE UP THE TAIL.
YOU'LL NEVER GET THIS TAIL--
--IT WILL GIVE ME MAGIC TO BECOME THE MOST POWERFUL WIZARD EVER!
SQUARK--POWERFUL WIZARD--WHISTLE POWERFUL WIZARD!


"BUT LIKE A WELL-OILED MACHINE, THE TEAM ATTACKS AT ONCE, CAUSING KINTOBOR TO MOMENTARILY LOSE THE TAIL."
"BUT IT IS A MOMENT TOO LONG FOR KINTOBOR AS THE ELFEN FOX GETS BACK HIS TAIL."
YYIIIPPEEE!
THANK YOU ALL VERY MUCH, ESPECIALLY YOU, PIRATE SALLY. I'LL NEVER FORGET WHAT YOU DID!
"AND WITH THAT, OUR HERO TAKES HER KNIGHT'S HAND, AND THEY LIVE HAPPILY EVER AFTER. THE END..."
THE END? WHAT DO YOU MEAN? WHAT HAPPENED TO KINTOBOR?
I DON'T UNDERSTAND THE CHARACTERS' INDIVIDUAL MOTIVATIONS.
YEAH, AND HOW CAN THE PIRATE AND THE KNIGHT FALL IN LOVE SO FAST?
HERE'S WHAT WE CAN DO TO MAKE THE STORY BETTER: WHEN SALLY GETS OFF THE SHIP...
EVERYBODY'S A CRITIC!
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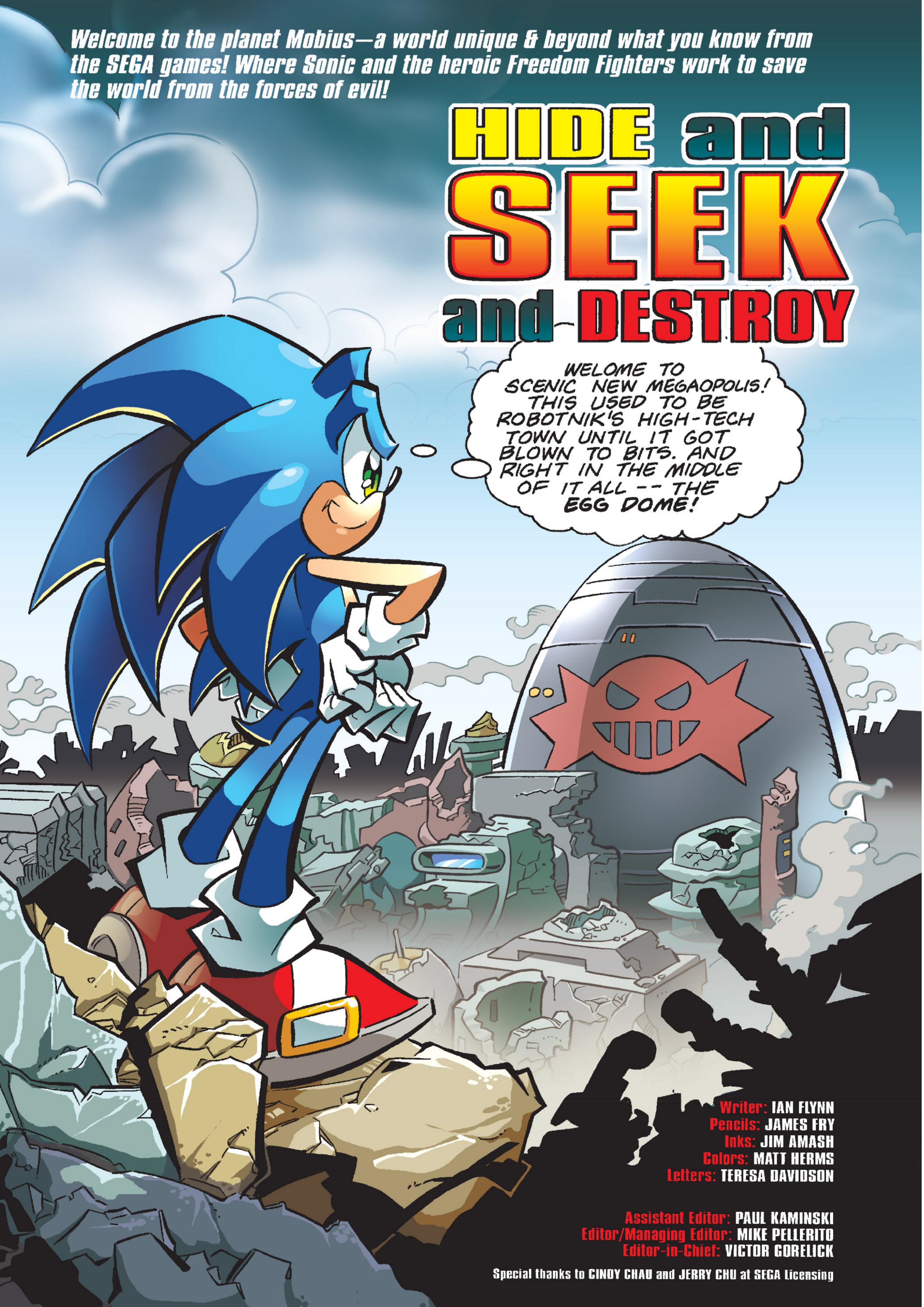
WELOME TO SCENIC NEW MEGAOPOLIS! THIS USED TO BE ROBOTNIK'S HIGH-TECH TOWN UNTIL IT GOT BLOWN TO BITS. AND RIGHT IN THE MIDDLE OF IT ALL -- THE EGG DOME!

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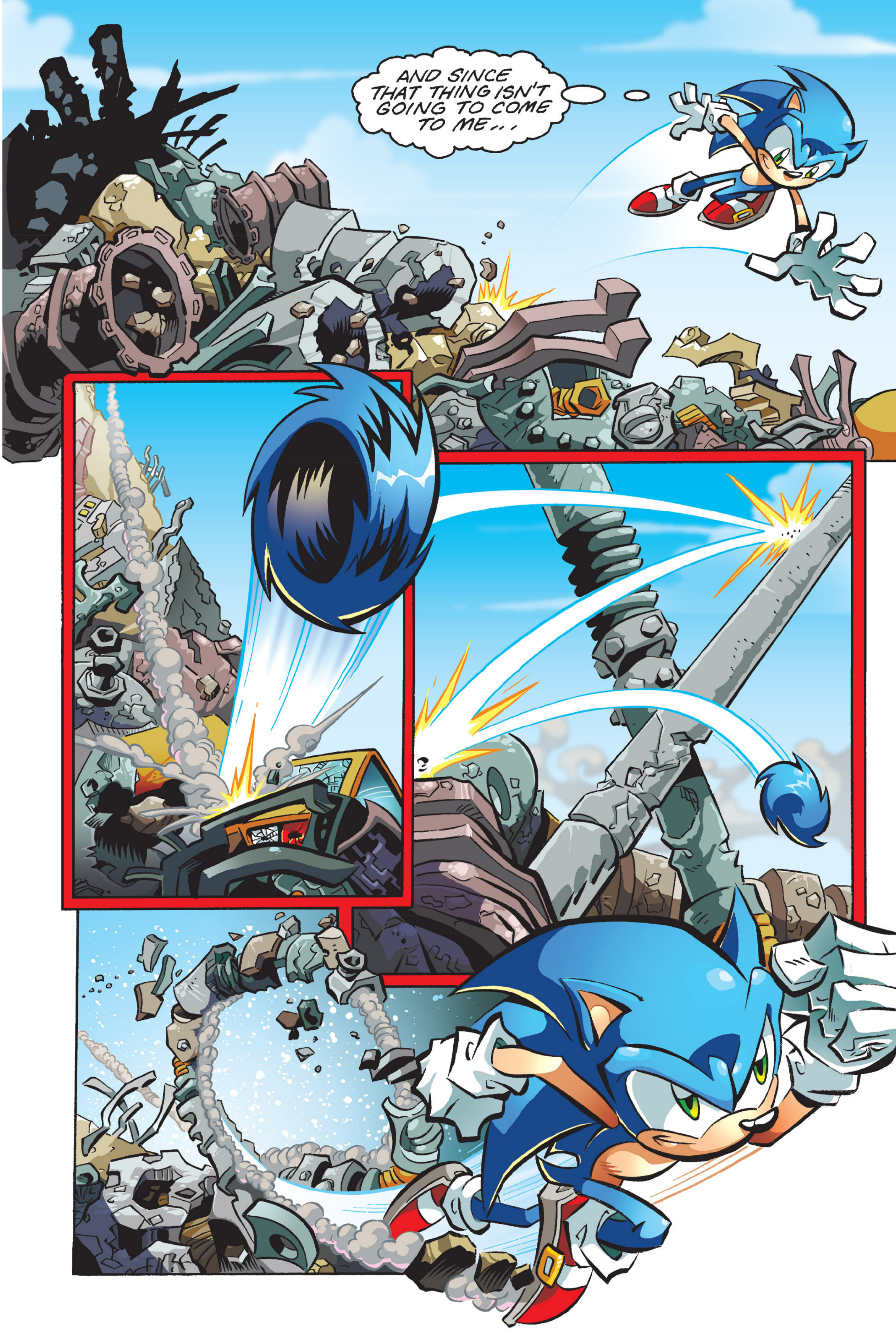
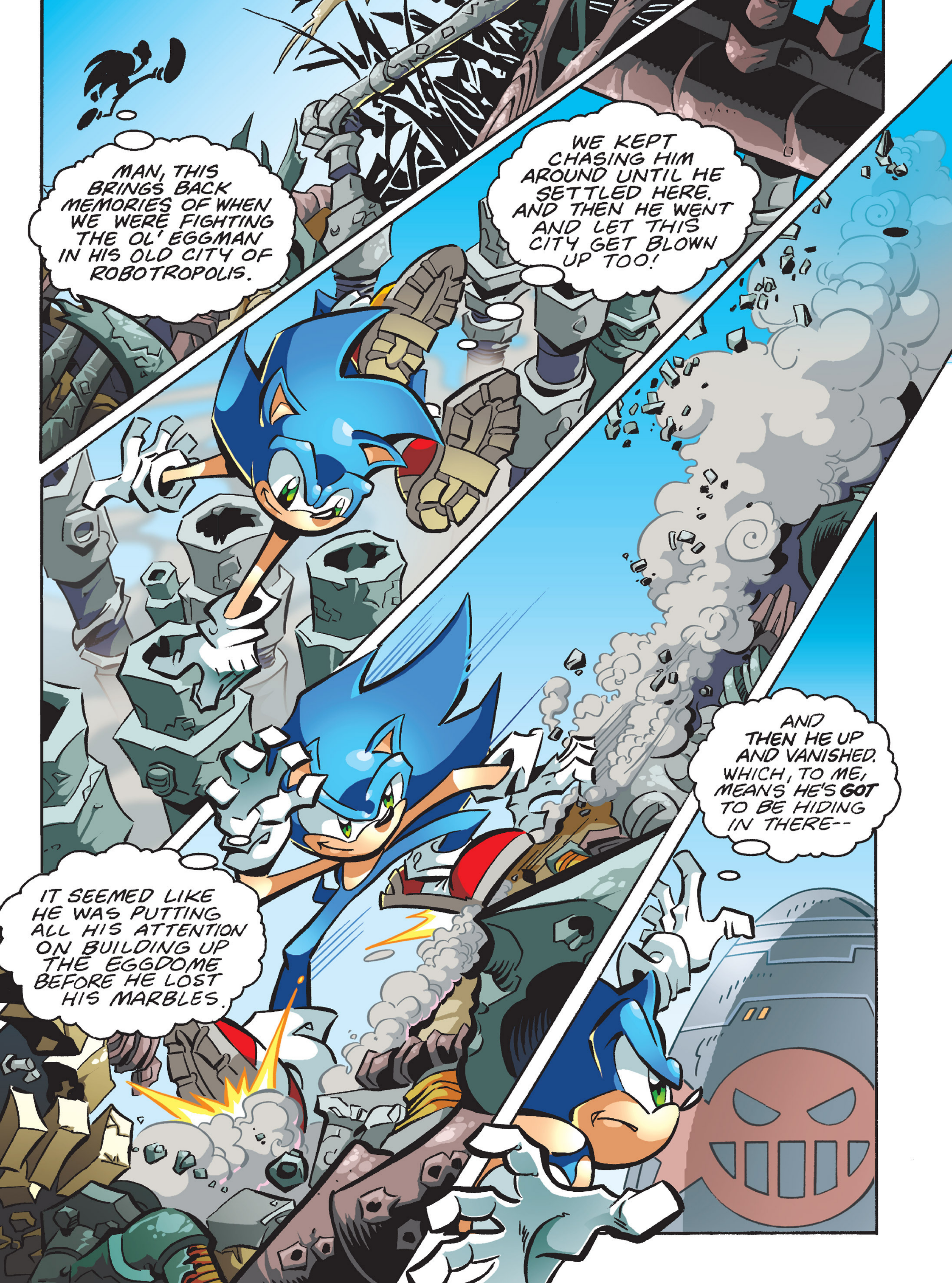
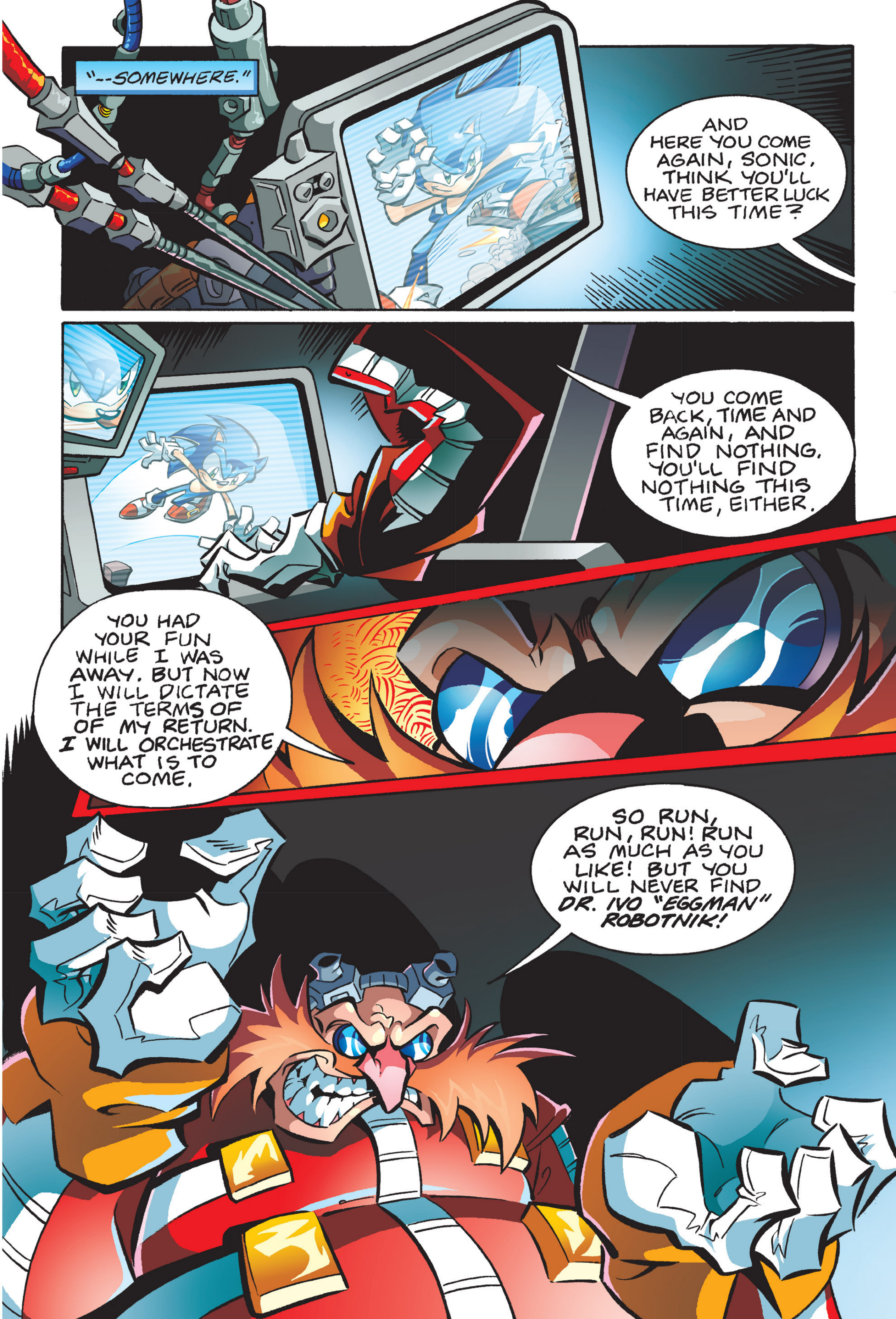
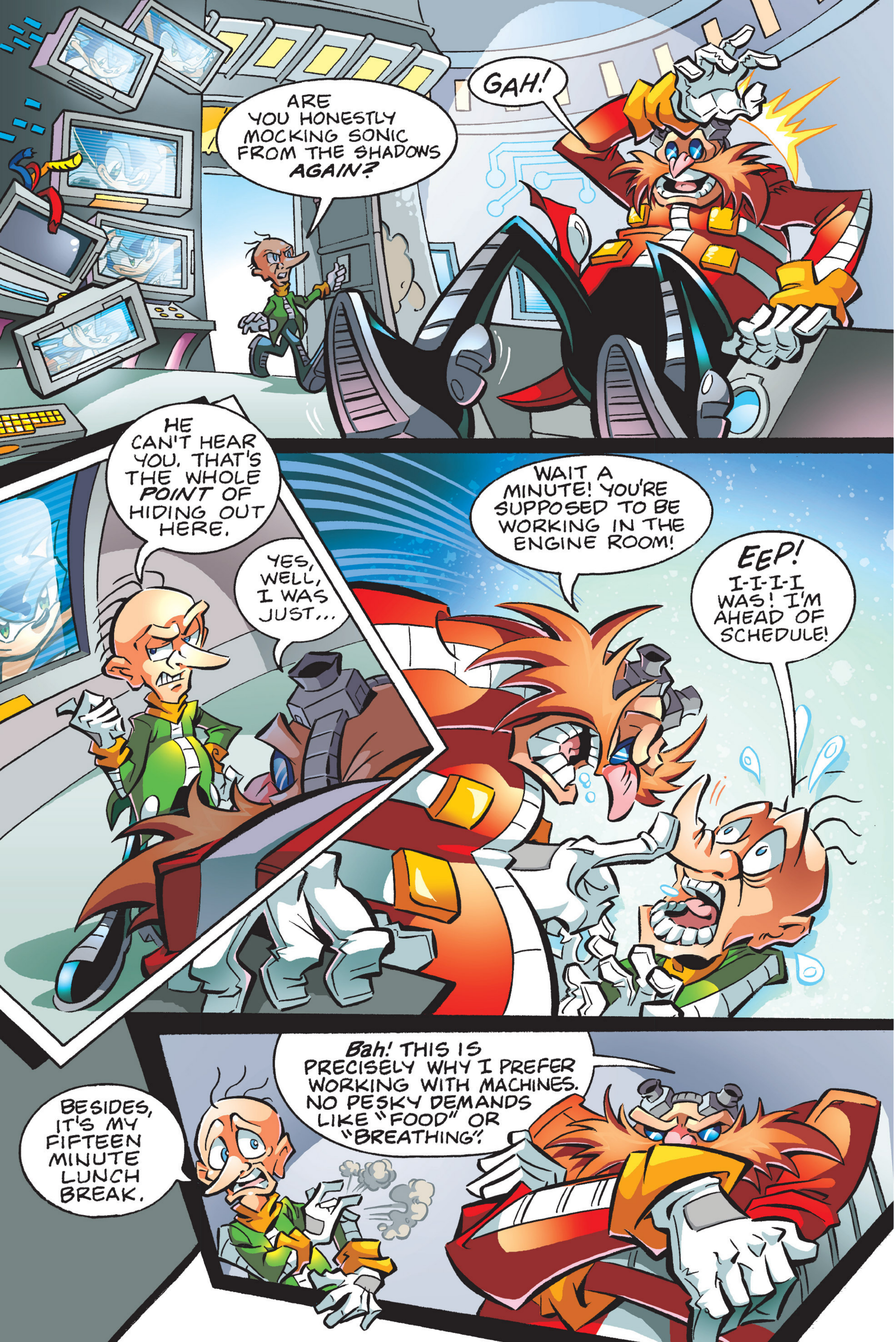
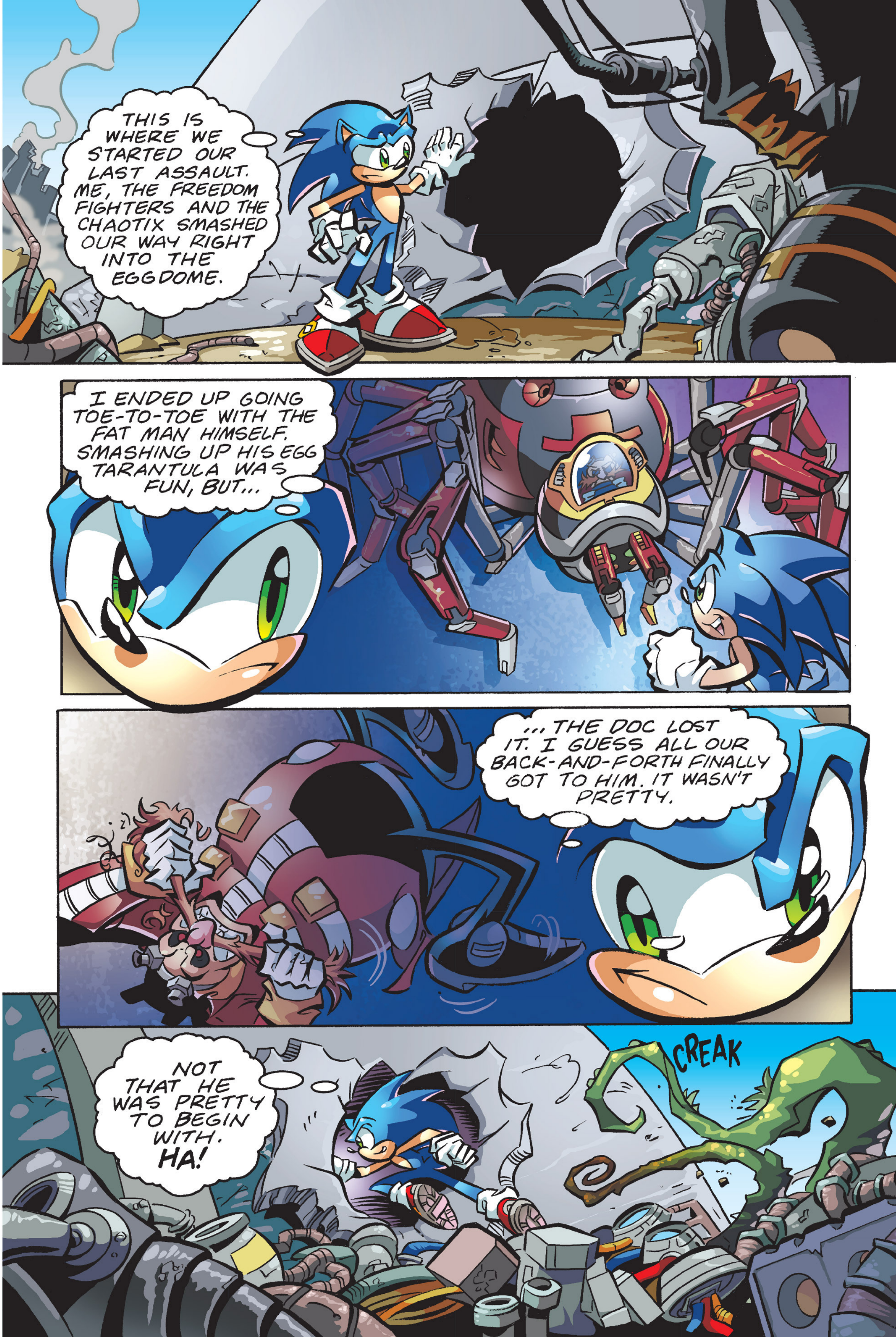
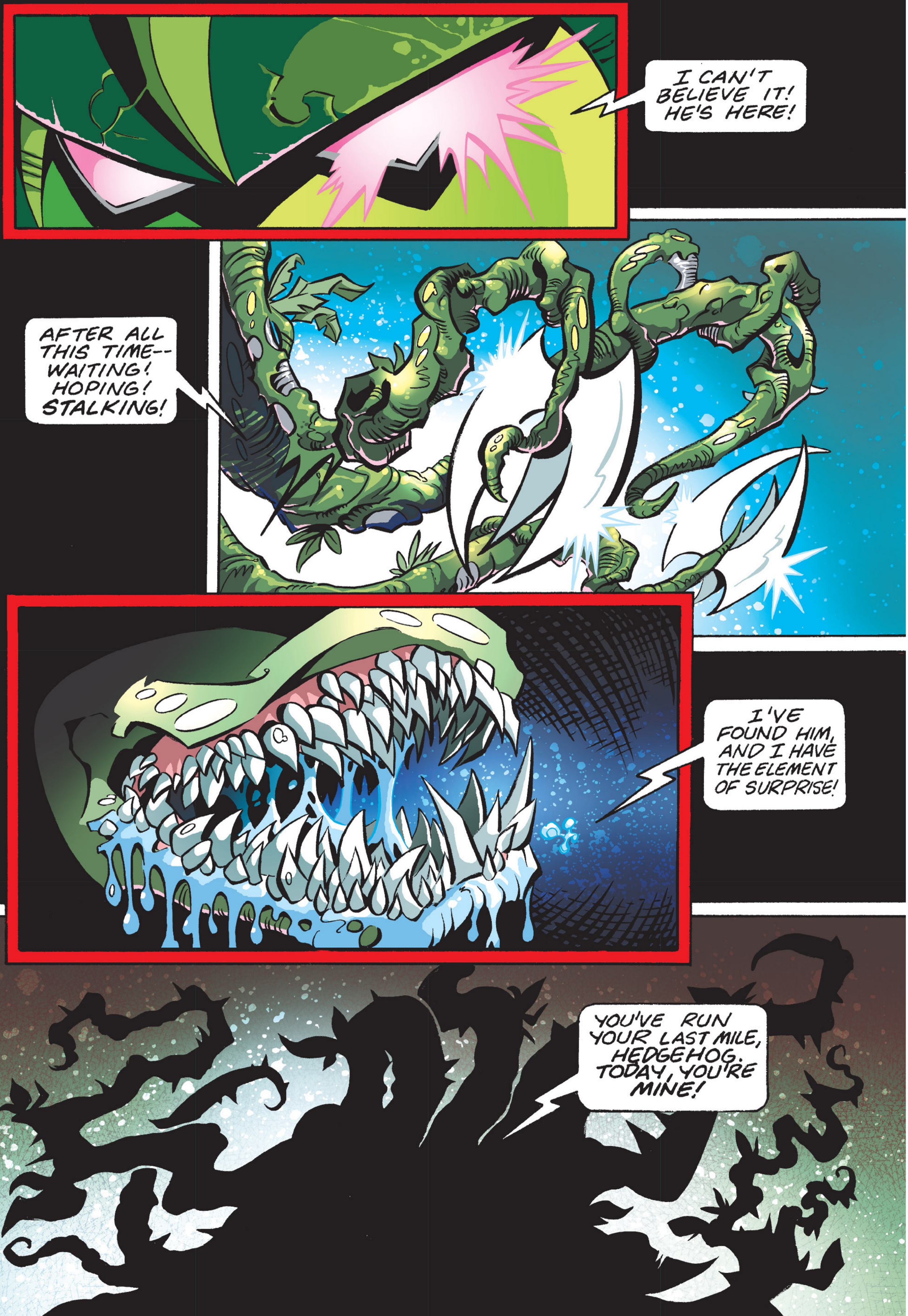

AND SINCE THAT THING ISN'T GOING TO COME TO ME...

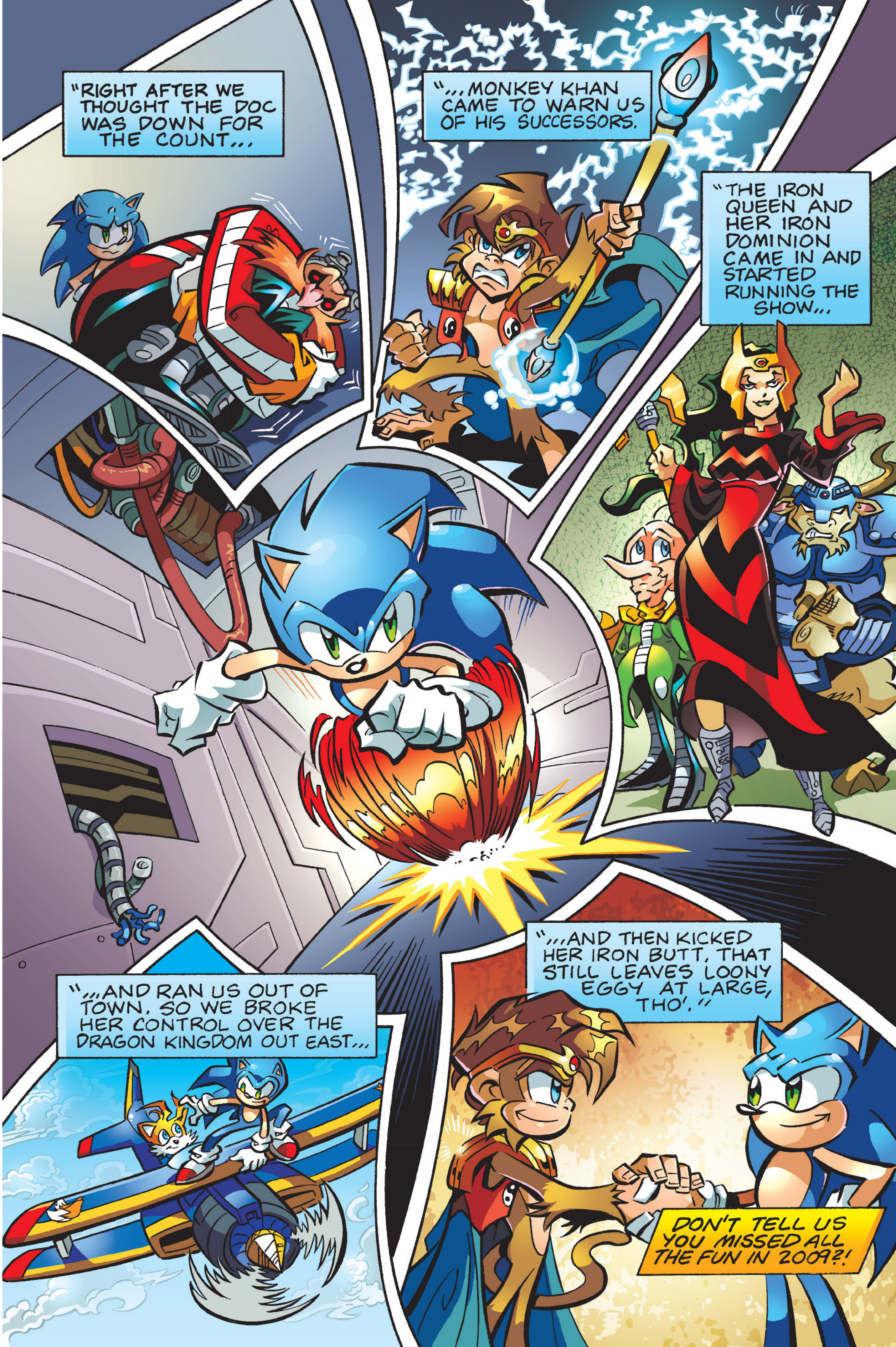

MAN, THIS BRINGS BACK MEMORIES OF WHEN WE WERE FIGHTING THE OL' EGGMAN IN HIS OLD CITY OF ROBOTROPOLIS.
WE KEPT CHASING HIM AROUND UNTIL HE SETTLED HERE. AND THEN HE WENT AND LET THIS CITY GET BLOWN UP TOO!
IT SEEMED LIKE HE WAS PUTTING ALL HIS ATTENTION ON BUILDING UP THE EGGDOME BEFORE HE LOST HIS MARBLES.
AND THEN HE UP AND VANISHED. WHICH, TO ME, MEANS HE'S GOT TO BE HIDING IN THERE--

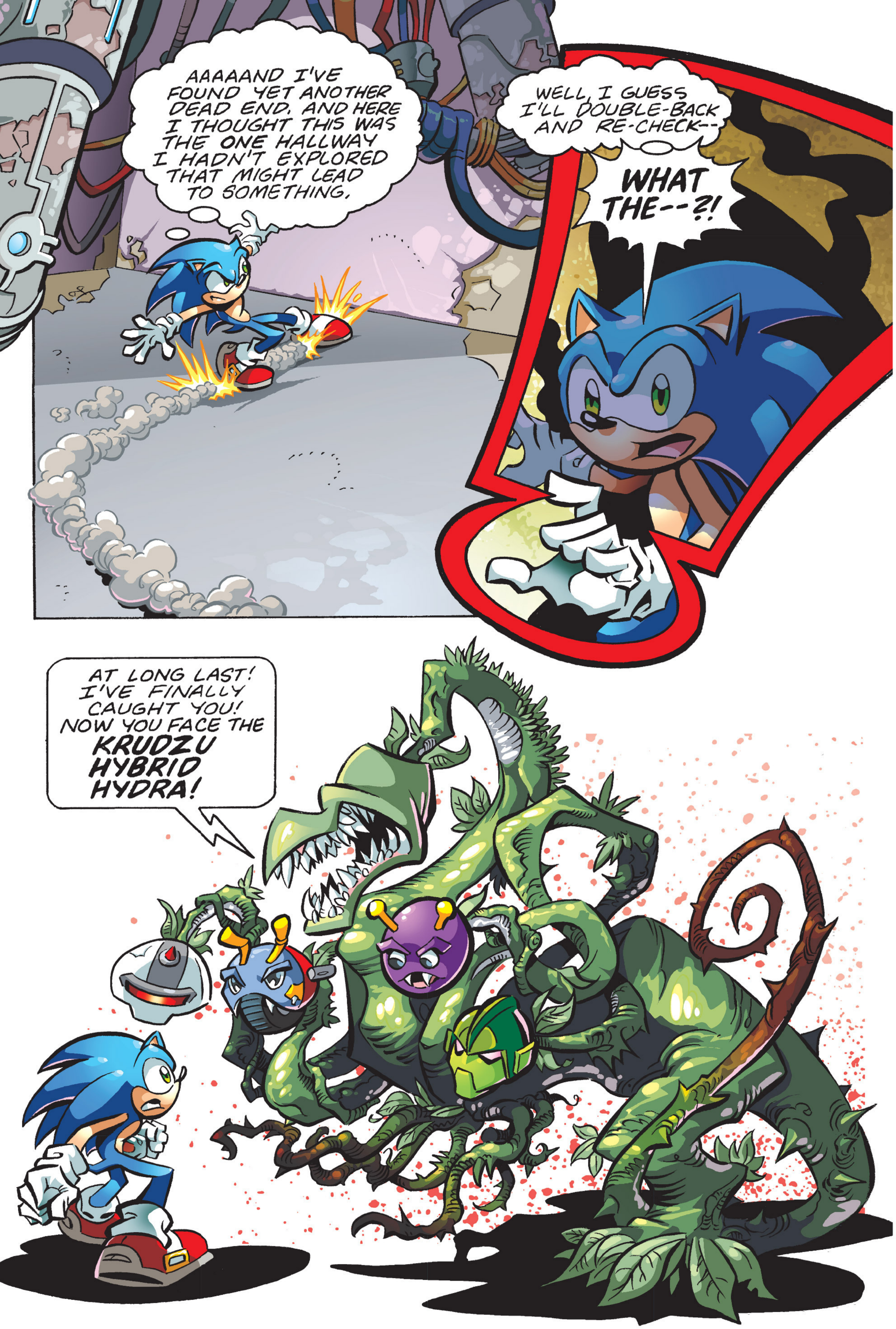

"--SOMEWHERE."
AND HERE YOU COME AGAIN, SONIC, THINK YOU'LL HAVE BETTER LUCK THIS TIME?
YOU COME BACK, TIME AND AGAIN, AND FIND NOTHING. YOU'LL FIND NOTHING THIS TIME, EITHER.
YOU HAD YOUR FUN WHILE I WAS AWAY. BUT NOW I WILL DICTATE THE TERMS OF OF MY RETURN. I WILL ORCHESTRATE WHAT IS TO COME.
SO RUN, RUN, RUN! RUN AS MUCH AS YOU LIKE! BUT YOU WILL NEVER FIND DR. IVO "EGGMAN" ROBOTNIK!

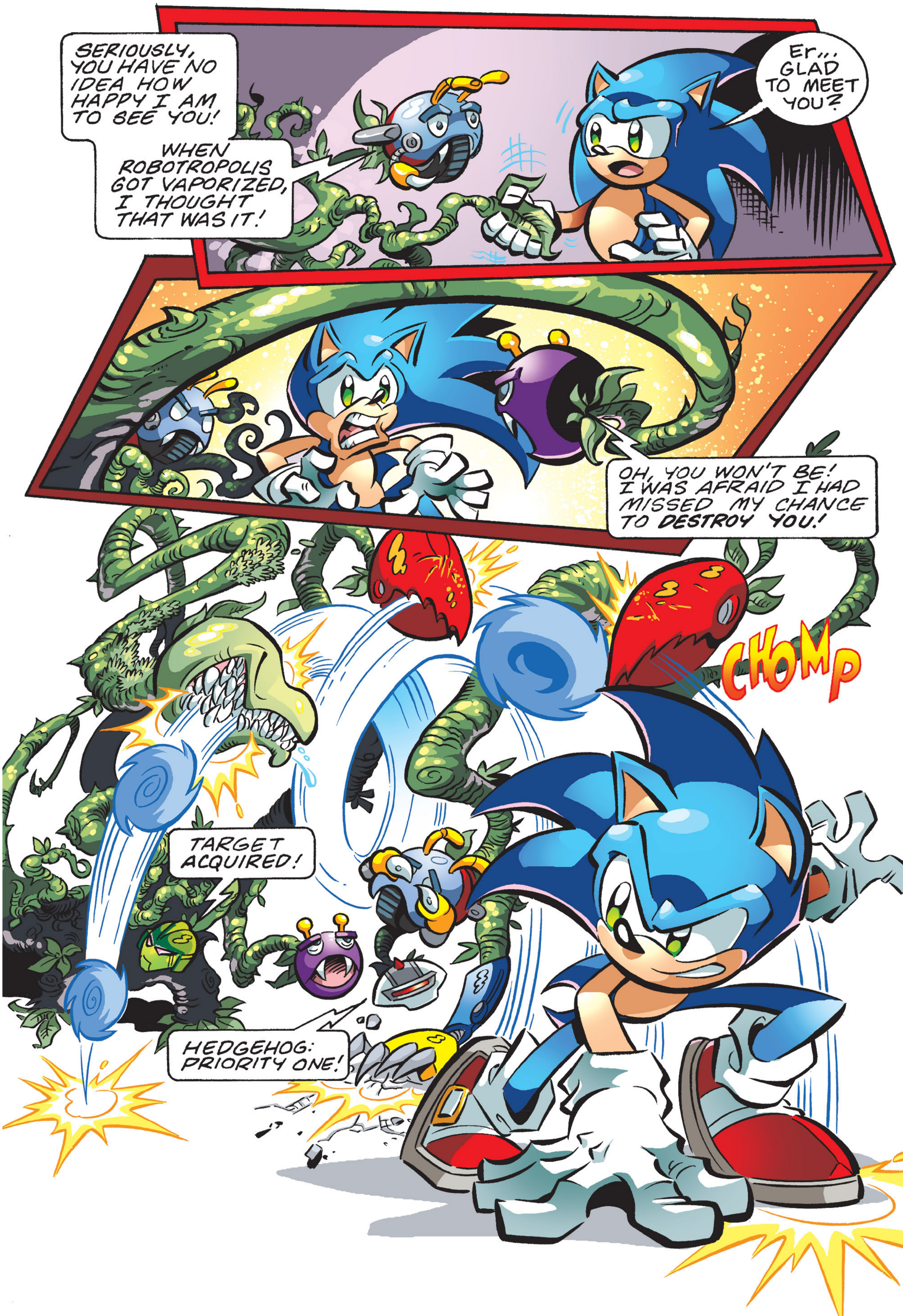

ARE YOU HONESTLY MOCKING SONIC FROM THE SHADOWS *AGAIN?*
GAH!
HE CAN'T HEAR YOU. THAT'S THE WHOLE *POINT* OF HIDING OUT HERE.
YES, WELL, I WAS JUST...
WAIT A MINUTE! YOU'RE SUPPOSED TO BE WORKING IN THE ENGINE ROOM!
EEP! I-I-I-I WAS! I'M AHEAD OF SCHEDULE!
BESIDES, IT'S MY FIFTEEN MINUTE LUNCH BREAK.
Bah! THIS IS PRECISELY WHY I PREFER WORKING WITH MACHINES. NO PESKY DEMANDS LIKE "FOOD" OR "BREATHING".

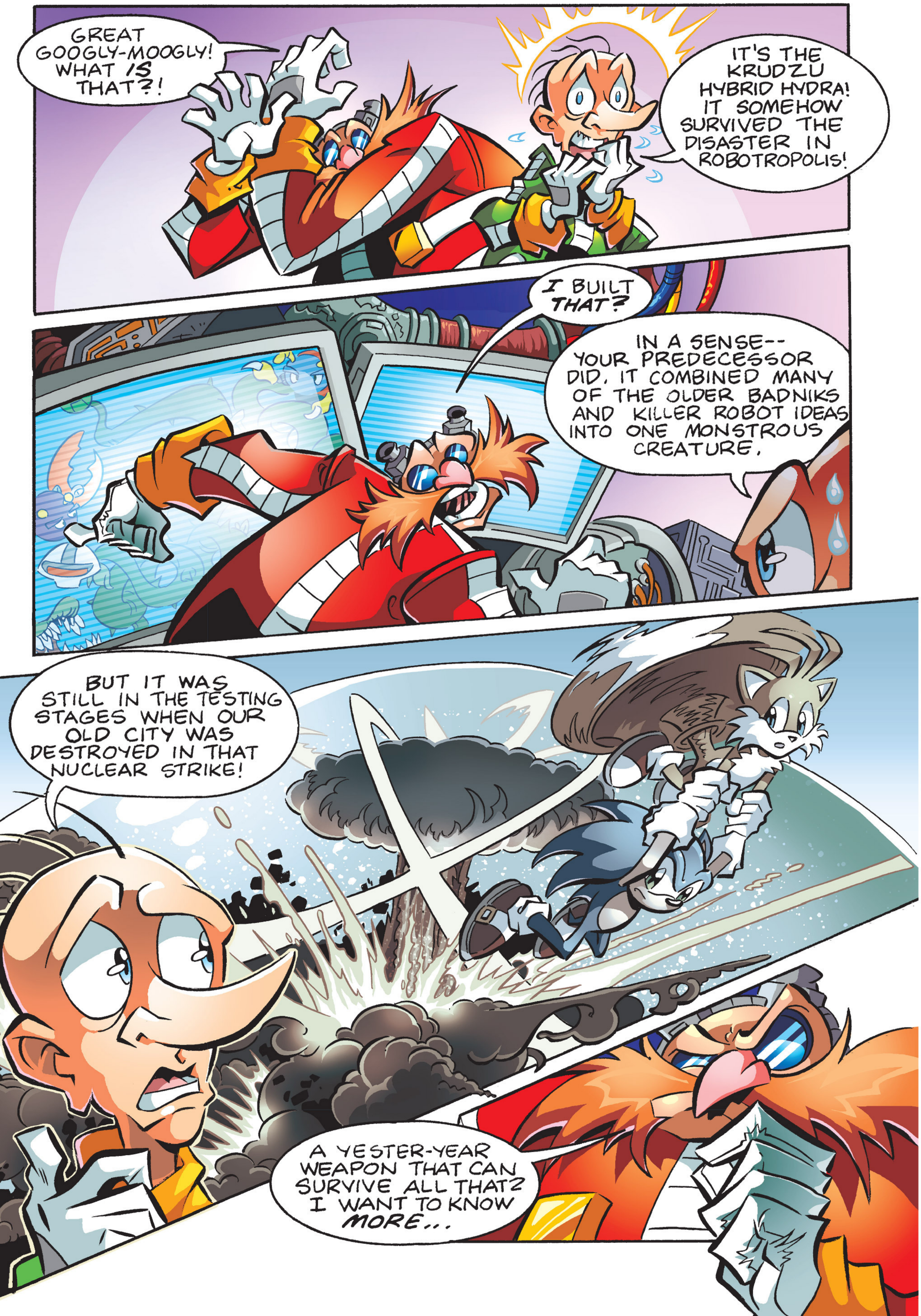

THIS IS WHERE WE STARTED OUR LAST ASSAULT. ME, THE FREEDOM FIGHTERS AND THE CHAOTIX SMASHED OUR WAY RIGHT INTO THE EGGDOME.
I ENDED UP GOING TOE-TO-TOE WITH THE FAT MAN HIMSELF. SMASHING UP HIS EGG TARANTULA WAS FUN, BUT...
...THE DOC LOST IT. I GUESS ALL OUR BACK-AND-FORTH FINALLY GOT TO HIM. IT WASN'T PRETTY.
NOT THAT HE WAS PRETTY TO BEGIN WITH. HA!
CREAK

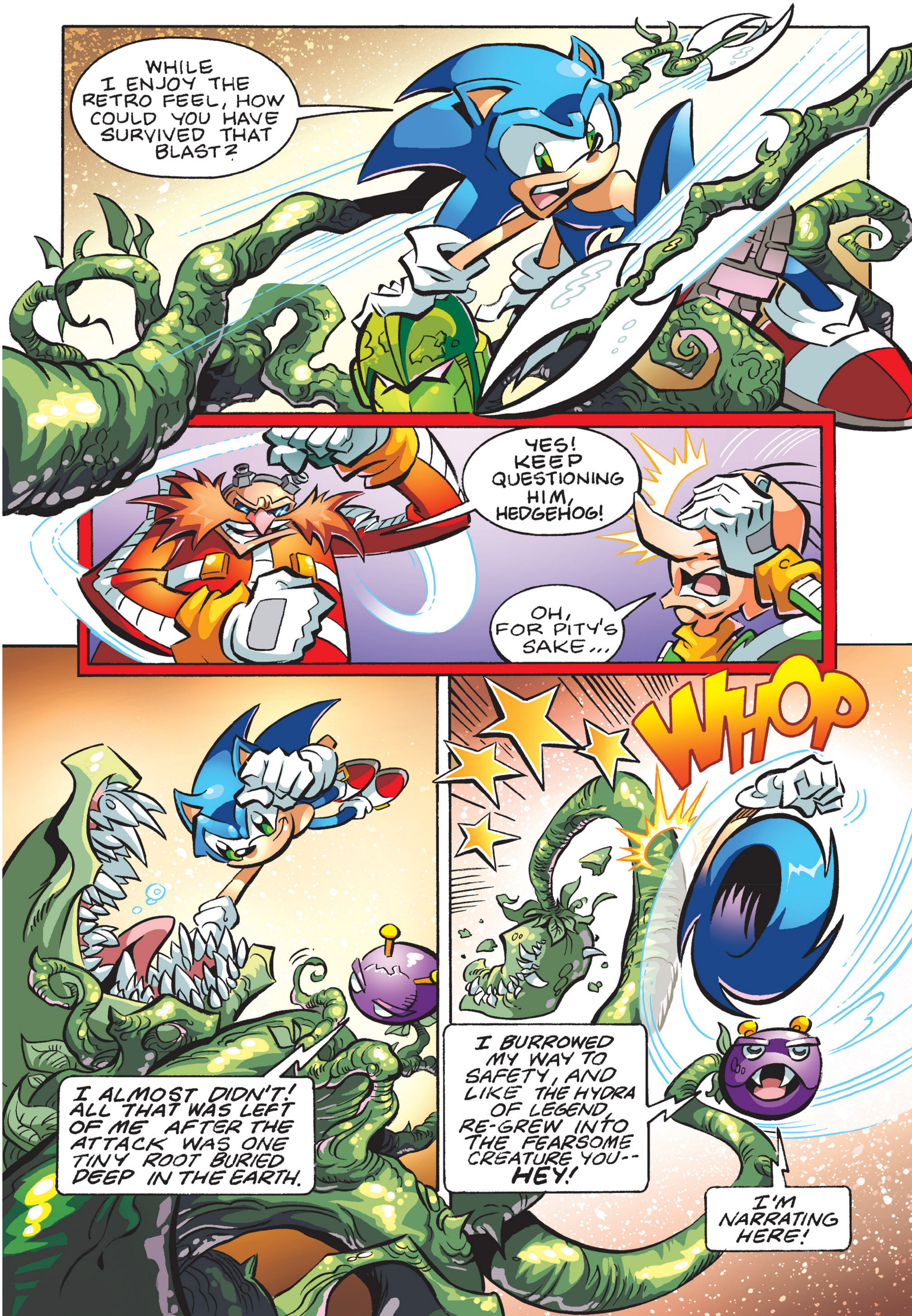

I CAN'T BELIEVE IT! HE'S HERE!
AFTER ALL THIS TIME-- WAITING! HOPING! STALKING!
I'VE FOUND HIM, AND I HAVE THE ELEMENT OF SURPRISE!
YOU'VE RUN YOUR LAST MILE, HEDGEHOG. TODAY, YOU'RE MINE!

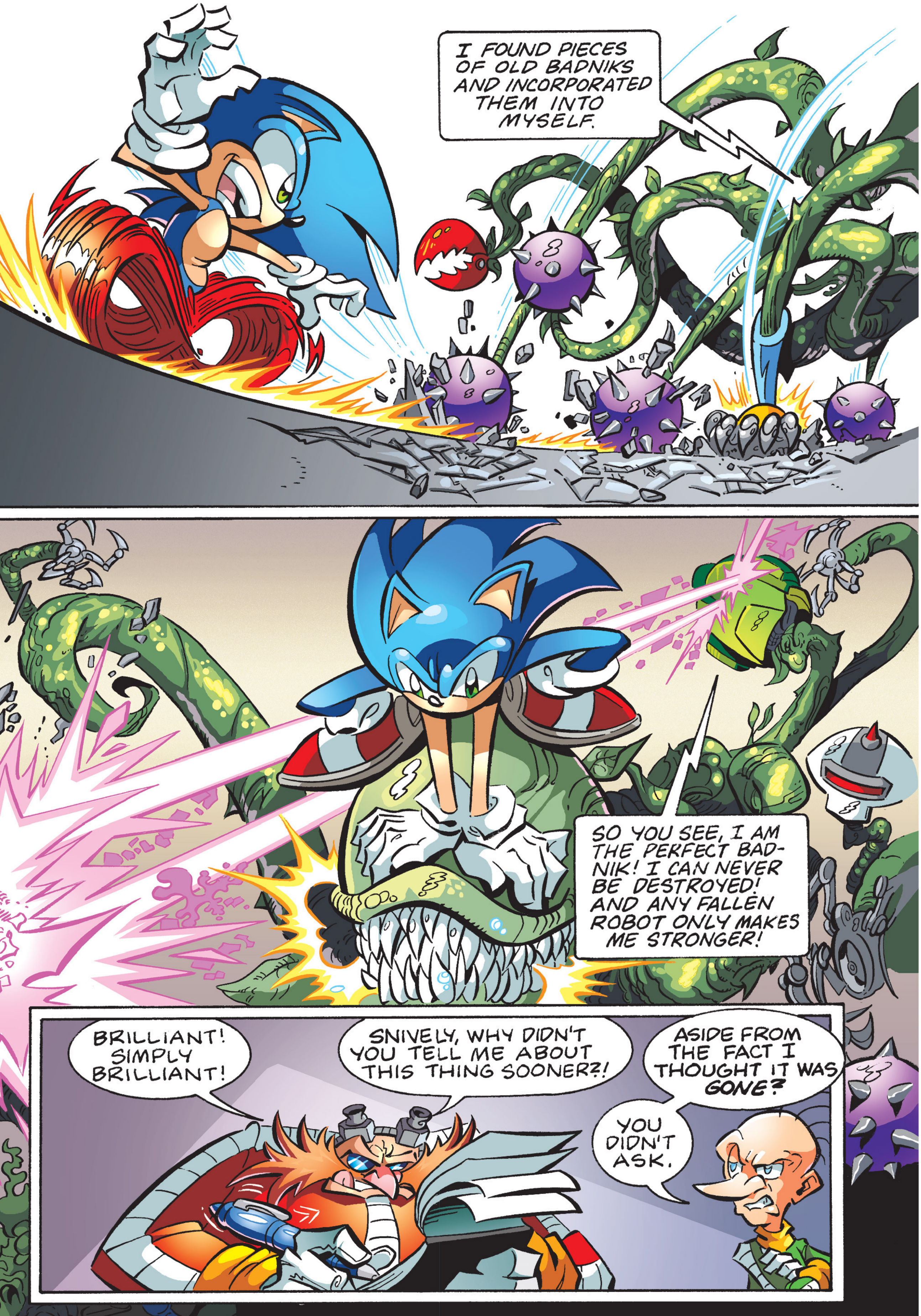

"RIGHT AFTER WE THOUGHT THE DOC WAS DOWN FOR THE COUNT...
"...MONKEY KHAN CAME TO WARN US OF HIS SUCCESSORS.
"THE IRON QUEEN AND HER IRON DOMINION CAME IN AND STARTED RUNNING THE SHOW...
"...AND RAN US OUT OF TOWN. SO WE BROKE HER CONTROL OVER THE DRAGON KINGDOM OUT EAST...
"...AND THEN KICKED HER IRON BUTT, THAT STILL LEAVES LOONY EGGY AT LARGE, THO'."
DON'T TELL US YOU MISSED ALL THE FUN IN 2009?!

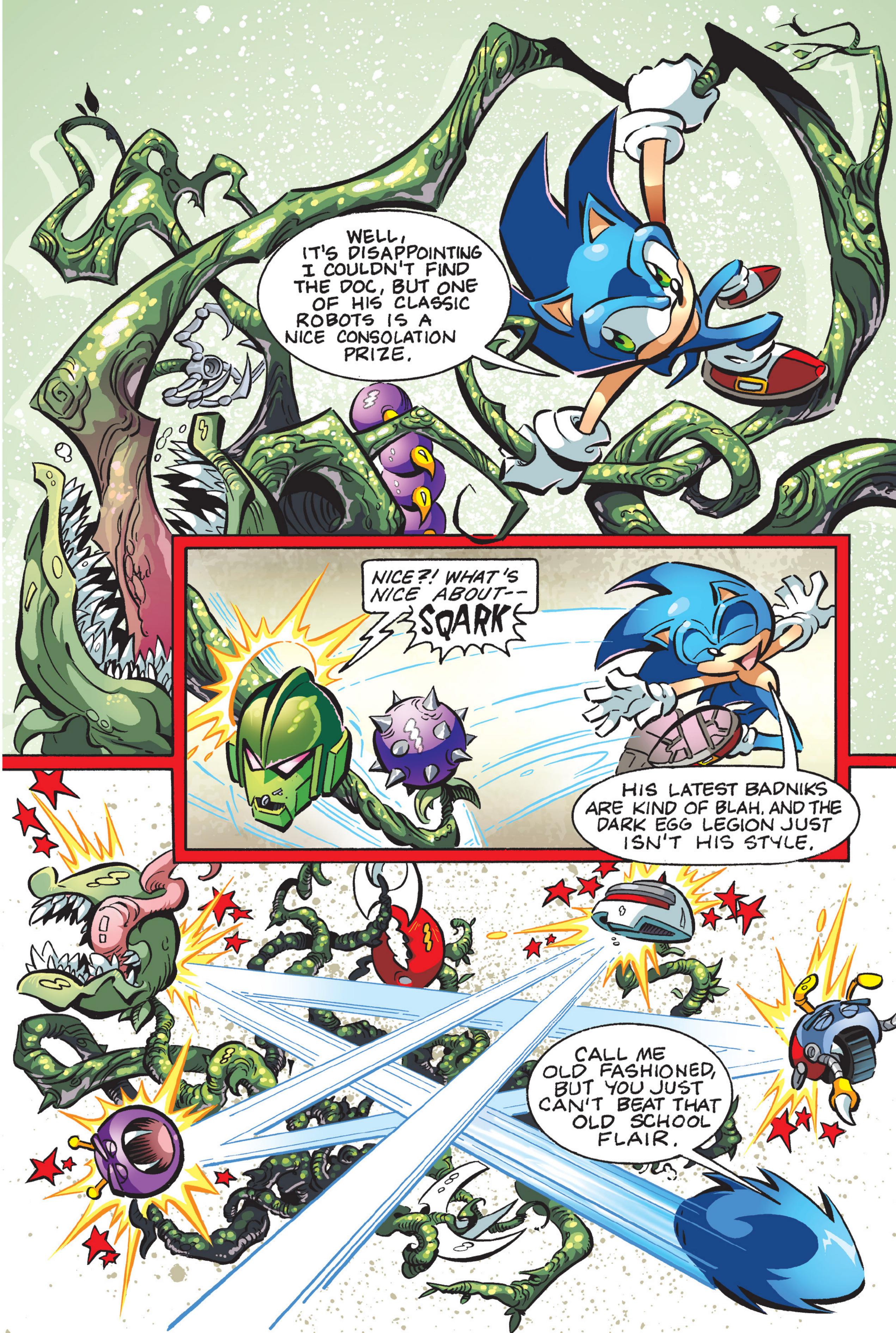

AAAAAND I'VE FOUND YET ANOTHER DEAD END. AND HERE I THOUGHT THIS WAS THE **ONE** HALLWAY I HADN'T EXPLORED THAT MIGHT LEAD TO SOMETHING.
WELL, I GUESS I'LL DOUBLE-BACK AND RE-CHECK--
WHAT THE--?!
AT LONG LAST! I'VE FINALLY CAUGHT YOU! NOW YOU FACE THE **KRUDZU HYBRID HYDRA!**

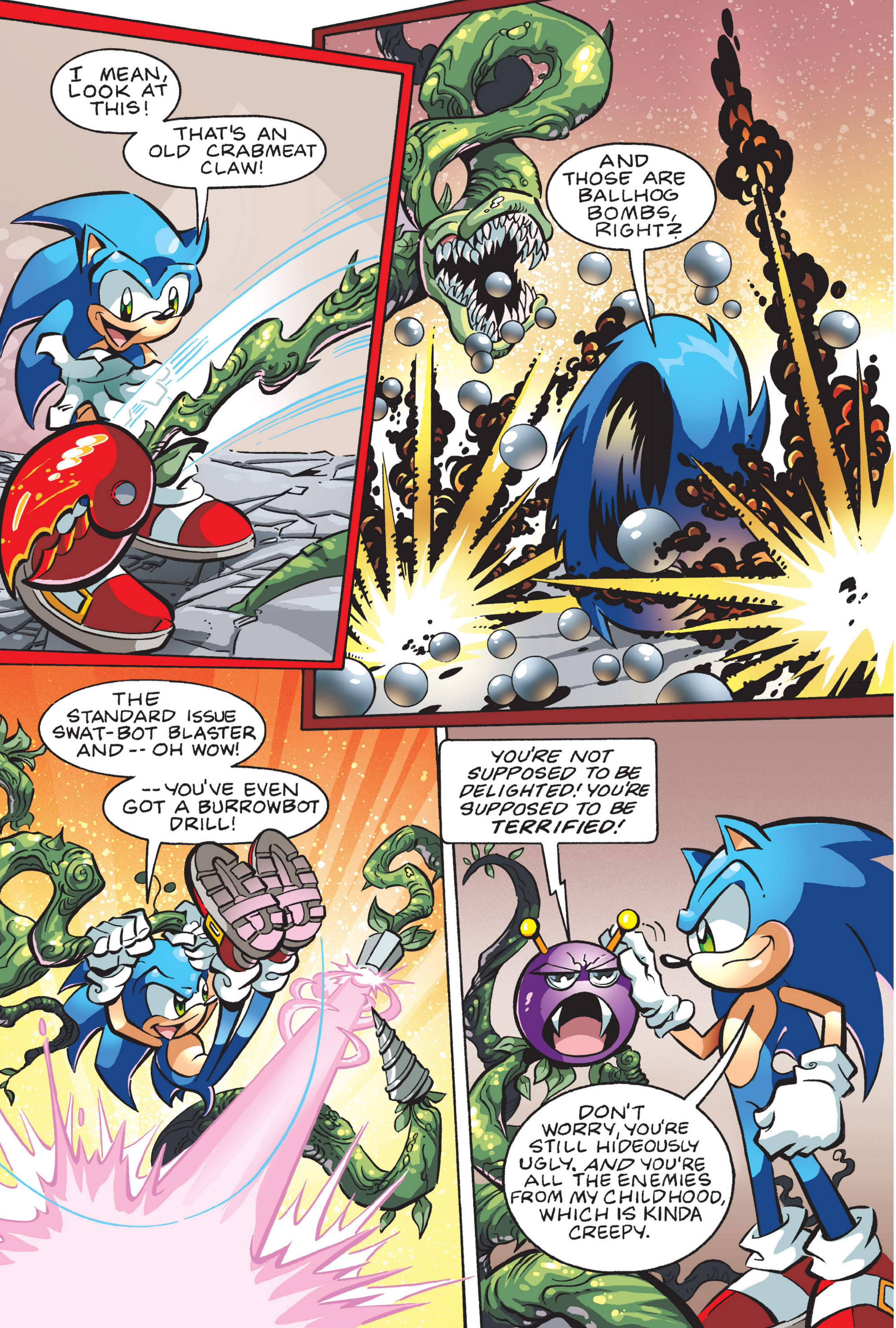

SERIOUSLY, YOU HAVE NO IDEA HOW HAPPY I AM TO SEE YOU!
WHEN ROBOTROPOLIS GOT VAPORIZED, I THOUGHT THAT WAS IT!
Er... GLAD TO MEET YOU?
OH, YOU WON'T BE! I WAS AFRAID I HAD MISSED MY CHANCE TO **DESTROY** YOU!
CHOMP
TARGET ACQUIRED!
HEDGEHOG: PRIORITY ONE!

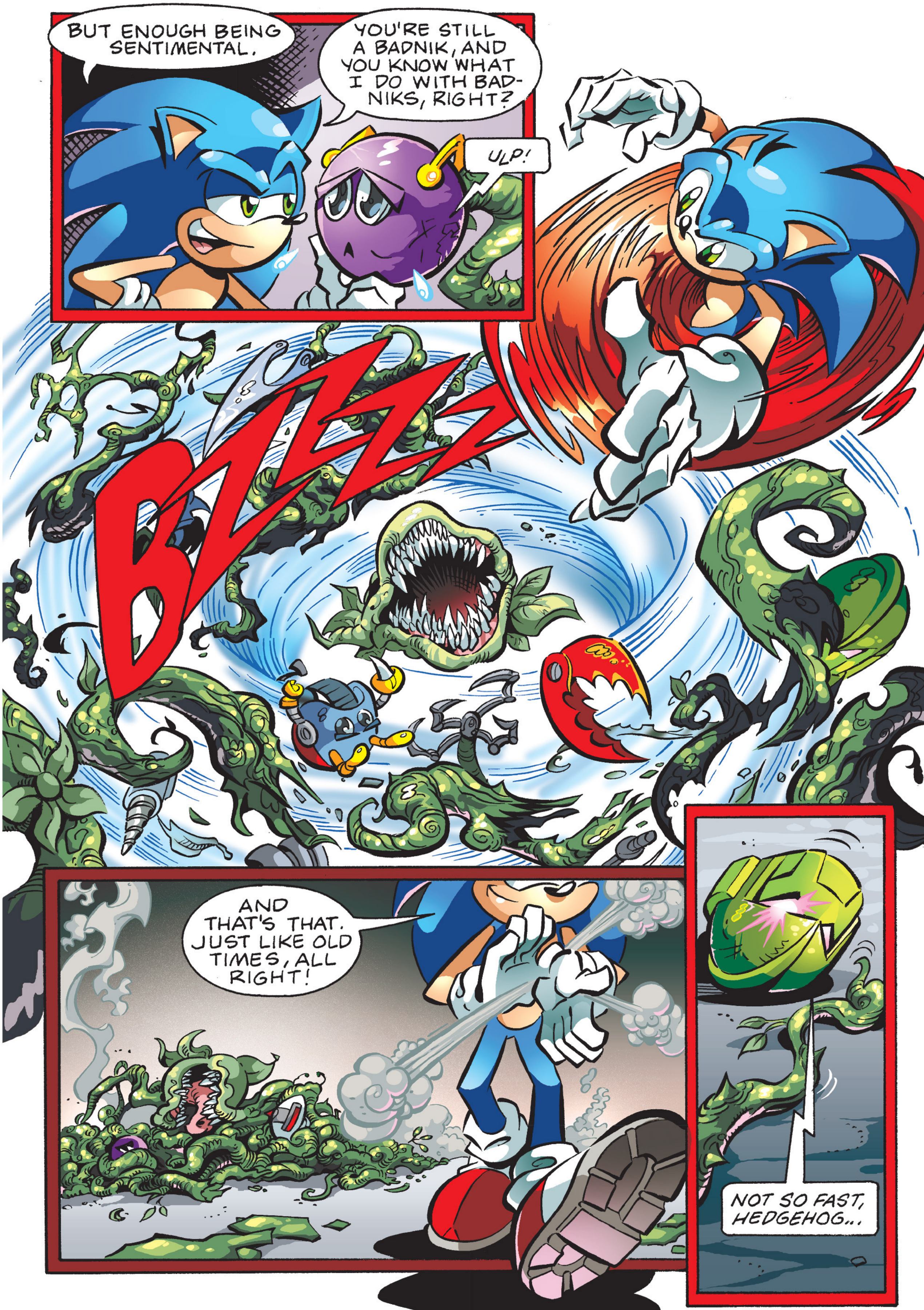

GREAT GOOGLY-MOOGLY! WHAT *IS* THAT?!
IT'S THE KRUDZU HYBRID HYDRA! IT SOMEHOW SURVIVED THE DISASTER IN ROBOTROPOLIS!
I BUILT *THAT?*
IN A SENSE-- YOUR PREDECESSOR DID. IT COMBINED MANY OF THE OLDER BADNIKS AND KILLER ROBOT IDEAS INTO ONE MONSTROUS CREATURE.
BUT IT WAS STILL IN THE TESTING STAGES WHEN OUR OLD CITY WAS DESTROYED IN THAT NUCLEAR STRIKE!
A YESTER-YEAR WEAPON THAT CAN SURVIVE ALL THAT? I WANT TO KNOW *MORE...*

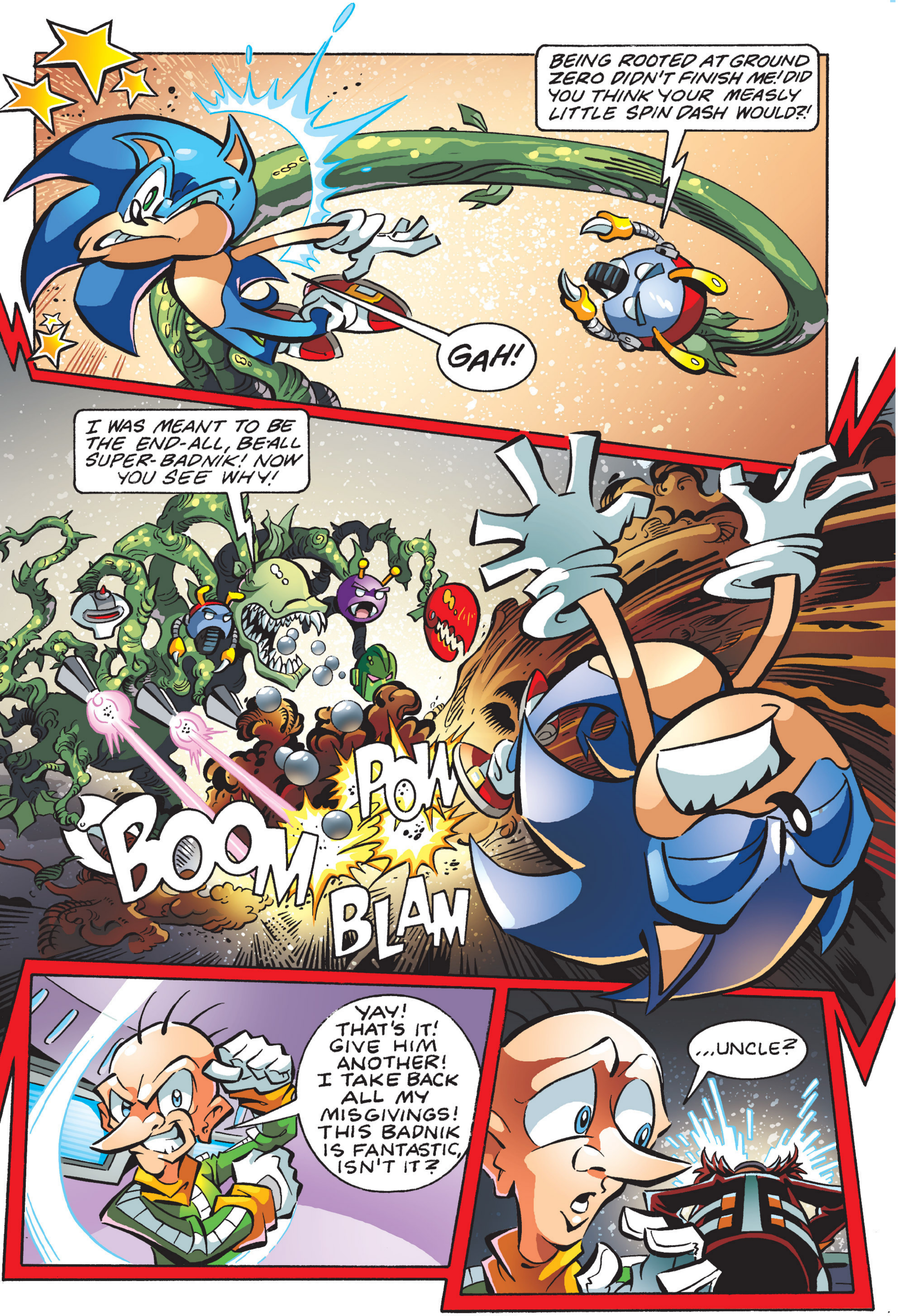

WHILE I ENJOY THE RETRO FEEL, HOW COULD YOU HAVE SURVIVED THAT BLAST?
YES! KEEP QUESTIONING HIM, HEDGEHOG!
OH, FOR PITY'S SAKE...
I ALMOST DIDN'T! ALL THAT WAS LEFT OF ME AFTER THE ATTACK WAS ONE TINY ROOT BURIED DEEP IN THE EARTH.
WHOP
I BURROWED MY WAY TO SAFETY, AND LIKE THE HYDRA OF LEGEND, RE-GREW INTO THE FEARSOME CREATURE YOU-- HEY!
I'M NARRATING HERE!

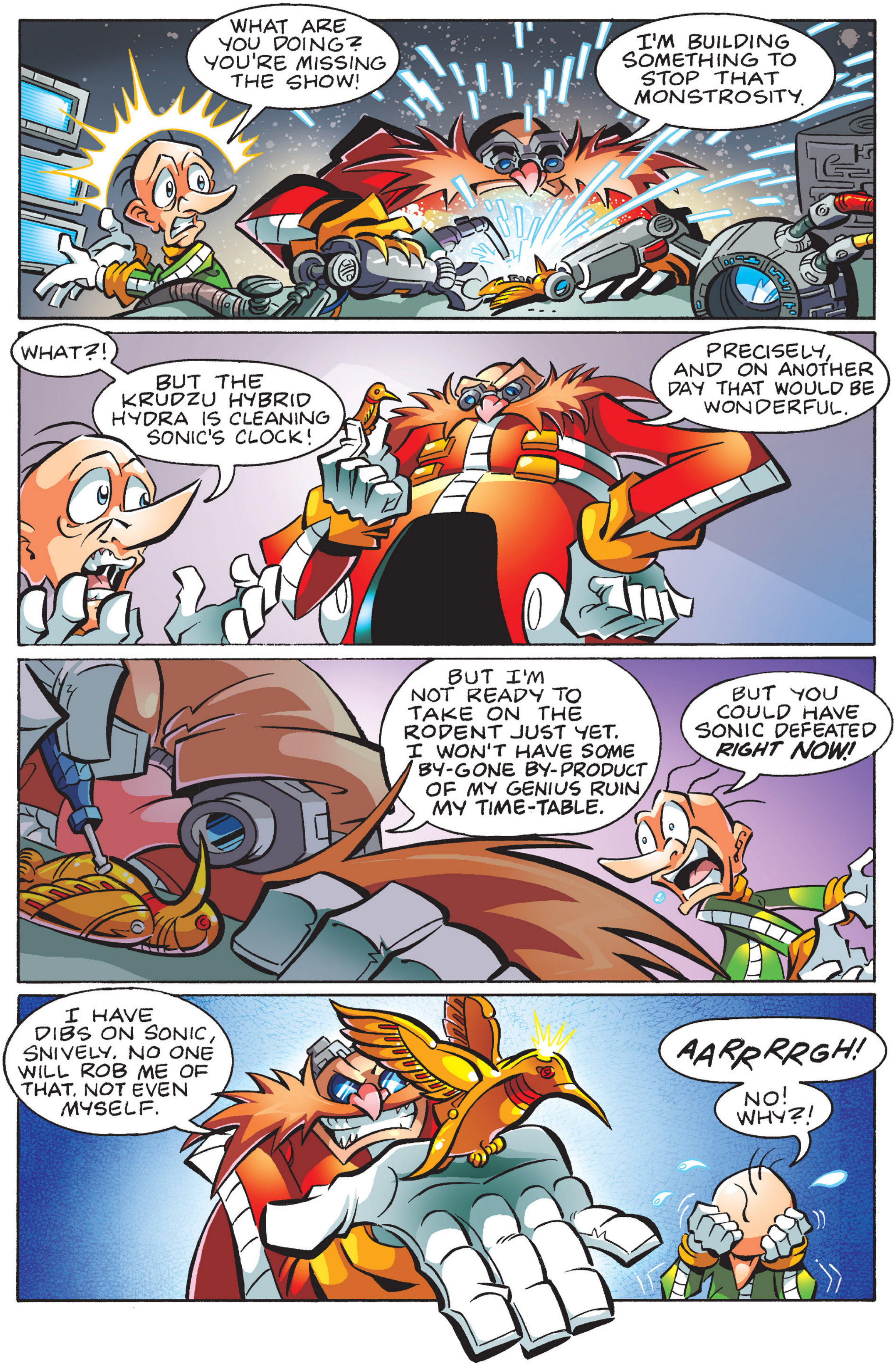

I FOUND PIECES OF OLD BADNIKS AND INCORPORATED THEM INTO MYSELF.
SO YOU SEE, I AM THE PERFECT BADNIK! I CAN NEVER BE DESTROYED! AND ANY FALLEN ROBOT ONLY MAKES ME STRONGER!
BRILLIANT! SIMPLY BRILLIANT!
SNIVELY, WHY DIDN'T YOU TELL ME ABOUT THIS THING SOONER?!
ASIDE FROM THE FACT I THOUGHT IT WAS GONE?
YOU DIDN'T ASK.

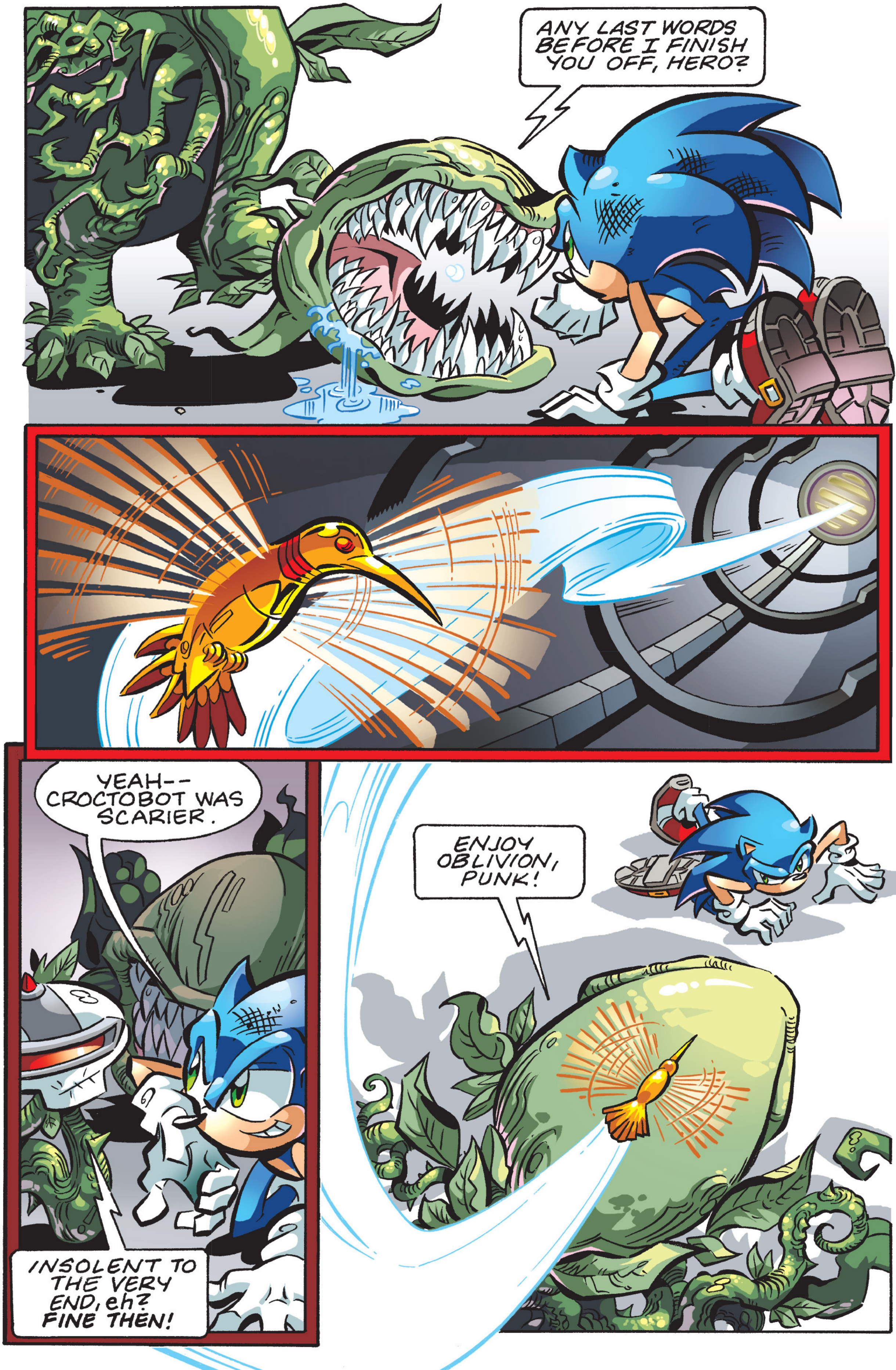

WELL, IT'S DISAPPOINTING I COULDN'T FIND THE DOC, BUT ONE OF HIS CLASSIC ROBOTS IS A NICE CONSOLATION PRIZE.
NICE?! WHAT'S NICE ABOUT--
SQARK
HIS LATEST BADNIKS ARE KIND OF BLAH. AND THE DARK EGG LEGION JUST ISN'T HIS STYLE.
CALL ME OLD FASHIONED, BUT YOU JUST CAN'T BEAT THAT OLD SCHOOL FLAIR.

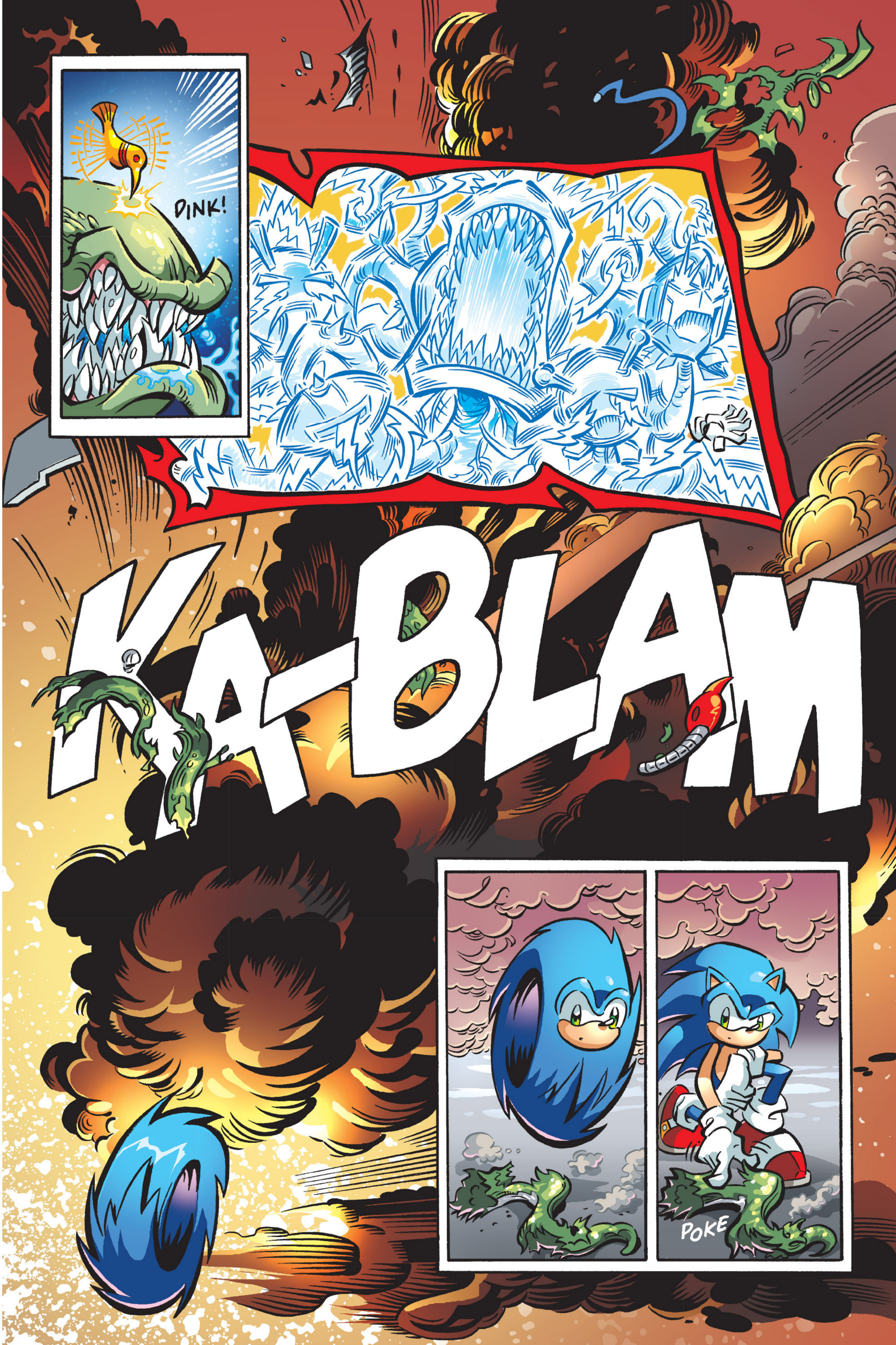

I MEAN, LOOK AT THIS!
THAT'S AN OLD CRABMEAT CLAW!
AND THOSE ARE BALLHOG BOMBS, RIGHT?
THE STANDARD ISSUE SWAT-BOT BLASTER AND -- OH WOW!
-- YOU'VE EVEN GOT A BURROWBOT DRILL!
YOU'RE NOT SUPPOSED TO BE DELIGHTED! YOU'RE SUPPOSED TO BE TERRIFIED!
DON'T WORRY, YOU'RE STILL HIDEOUSLY UGLY. AND YOU'RE ALL THE ENEMIES FROM MY CHILDHOOD, WHICH IS KINDA CREEPY.

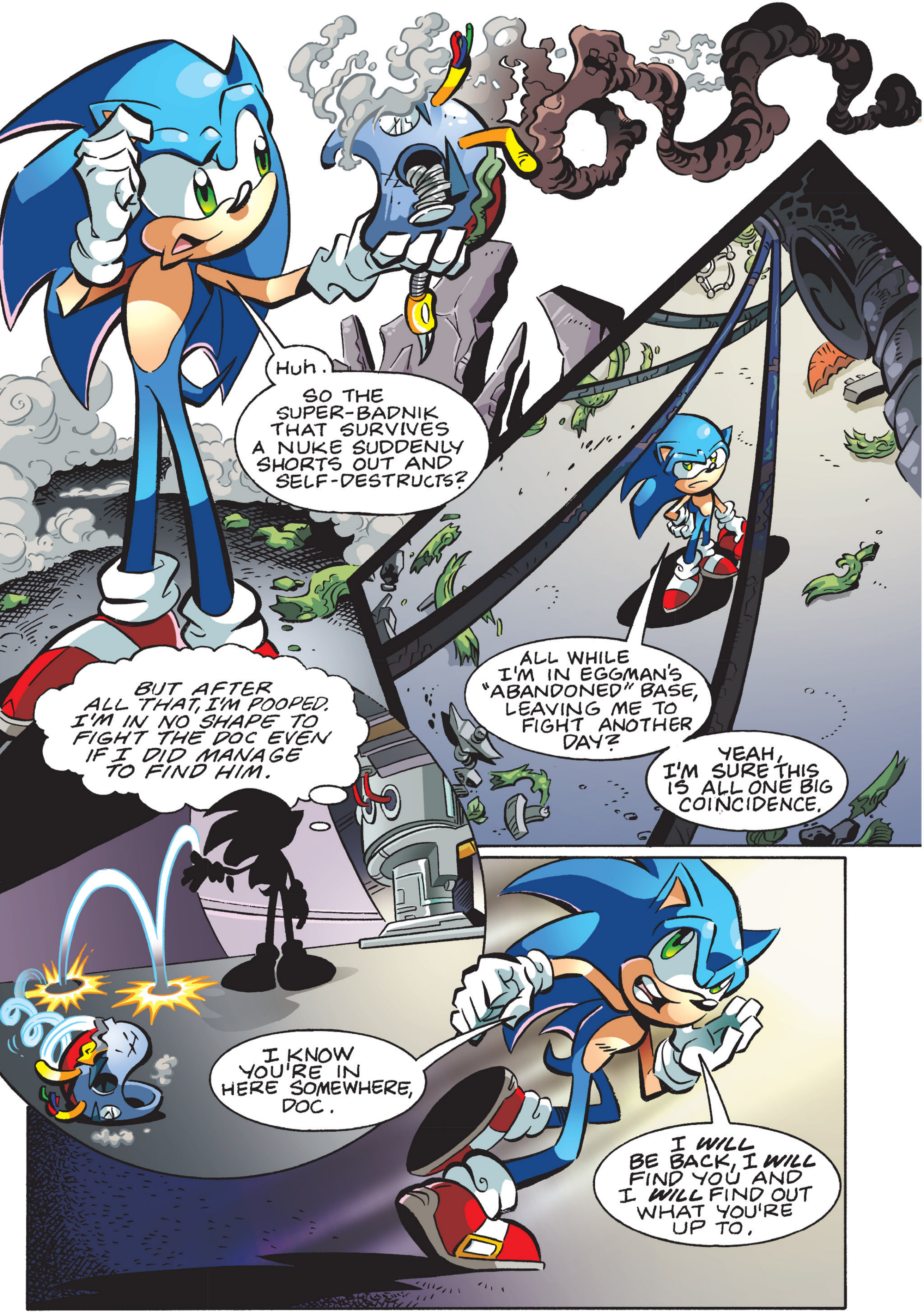

BUT ENOUGH BEING SENTIMENTAL.
YOU'RE STILL A BADNIK, AND YOU KNOW WHAT I DO WITH BADNIKS, RIGHT?
ULP!
BZZZZ
AND THAT'S THAT. JUST LIKE OLD TIMES, ALL RIGHT!
NOT SO FAST, HEDGEHOG...

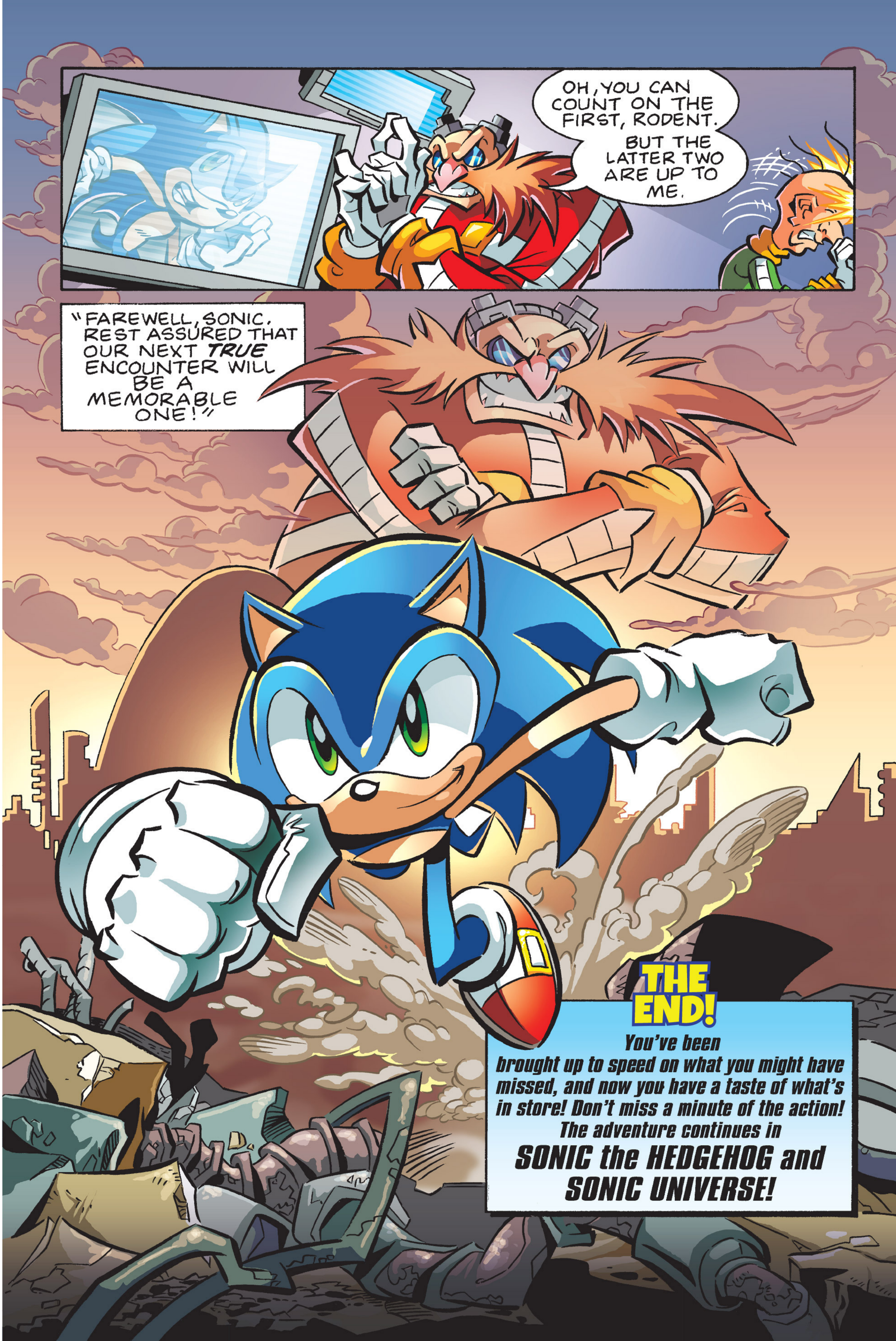

BEING ROOTED AT GROUND ZERO DIDN'T FINISH ME! DID YOU THINK YOUR MEASLY LITTLE SPIN DASH WOULD?!
GAH!
I WAS MEANT TO BE THE END-ALL, BE-ALL SUPER-BADNIK! NOW YOU SEE WHY!
POW
BOOM
BLAM
YAY! THAT'S IT! GIVE HIM ANOTHER! I TAKE BACK ALL MY MISGIVINGS! THIS BADNIK IS FANTASTIC, ISN'T IT?
...UNCLE?


WHAT ARE YOU DOING? YOU'RE MISSING THE SHOW!
I'M BUILDING SOMETHING TO STOP THAT MONSTROSITY.
WHAT?!
BUT THE KRUDZU HYBRID HYDRA IS CLEANING SONIC'S CLOCK!
PRECISELY, AND ON ANOTHER DAY THAT WOULD BE WONDERFUL.
BUT I'M NOT READY TO TAKE ON THE RODENT JUST YET. I WON'T HAVE SOME BY-GONE BY-PRODUCT OF MY GENIUS RUIN MY TIME-TABLE.
BUT YOU COULD HAVE SONIC DEFEATED *RIGHT NOW!*
I HAVE DIBS ON SONIC, SNIVELY. NO ONE WILL ROB ME OF THAT. NOT EVEN MYSELF.
AARRRRGH!
NO! WHY?!


ANY LAST WORDS BEFORE I FINISH YOU OFF, HERO?
YEAH-- CROCTOBOT WAS SCARIER.
INSOLENT TO THE VERY END, eh? FINE THEN!
ENJOY OBLIVION, PUNK!


DINK!
KA-BLAM
POKE


Huh.
SO THE SUPER-BADNIK THAT SURVIVES A NUKE SUDDENLY SHORTS OUT AND SELF-DESTRUCTS?
ALL WHILE I'M IN EGGMAN'S "ABANDONED" BASE, LEAVING ME TO FIGHT ANOTHER DAY?
YEAH, I'M SURE THIS IS ALL ONE BIG COINCIDENCE.
BUT AFTER ALL THAT, I'M POOPED. I'M IN NO SHAPE TO FIGHT THE DOC EVEN IF I DID MANAGE TO FIND HIM.
I KNOW YOU'RE IN HERE SOMEWHERE, DOC.
I WILL BE BACK, I WILL FIND YOU AND I WILL FIND OUT WHAT YOU'RE UP TO.


OH, YOU CAN COUNT ON THE FIRST, RODENT.
BUT THE LATTER TWO ARE UP TO ME.
"FAREWELL, SONIC. REST ASSURED THAT OUR NEXT *TRUE* ENCOUNTER WILL BE A MEMORABLE ONE!"
THE END!
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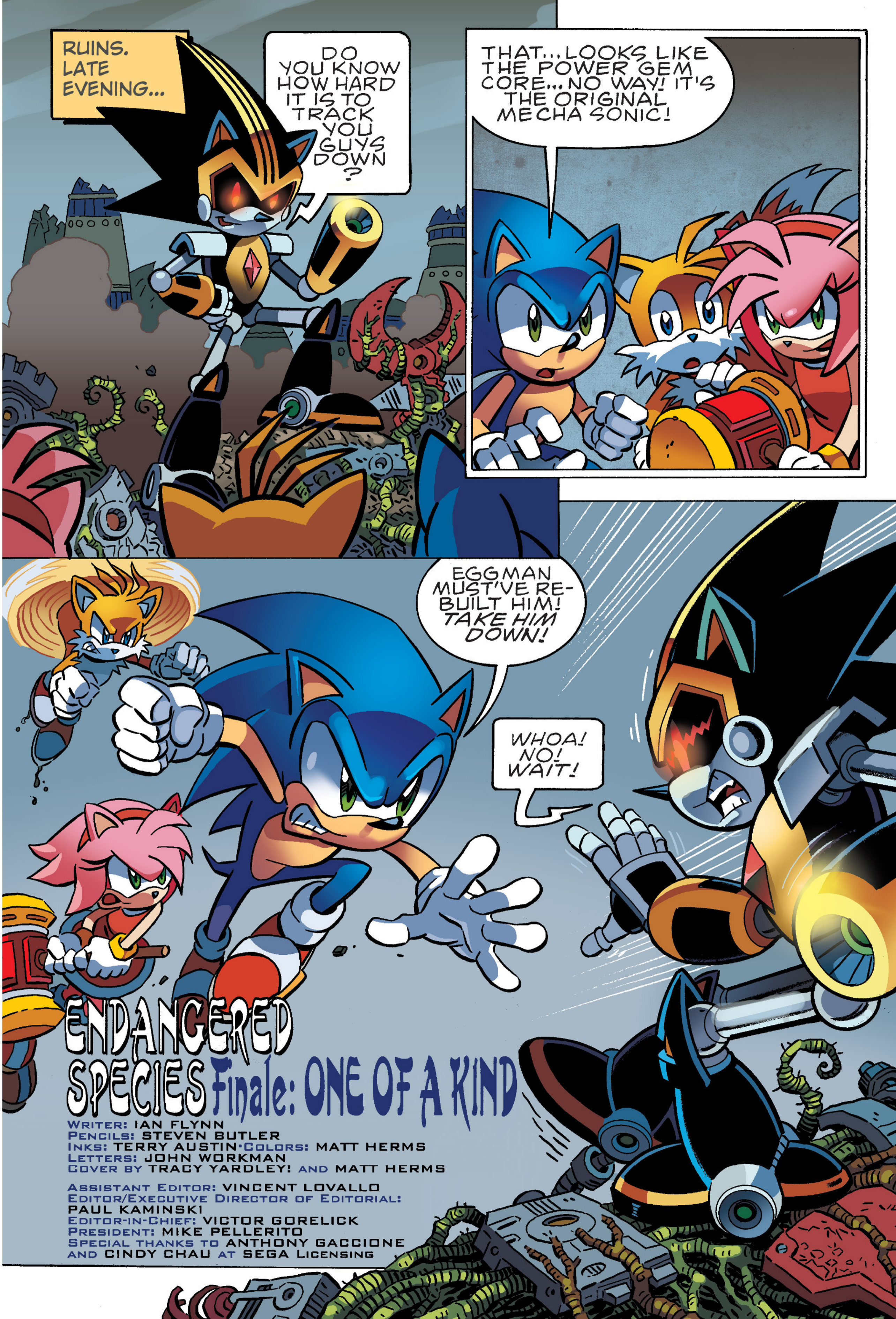
RUINS. LATE EVENING...
DO YOU KNOW HOW HARD IT IS TO TRACK YOU GUYS DOWN?
THAT...LOOKS LIKE THE POWER GEM CORE...NO WAY! IT'S THE ORIGINAL MECHA SONIC!
EGGMAN MUST'VE RE-BUILT HIM! *TAKE HIM DOWN!*
WHOA! NO! WAIT!

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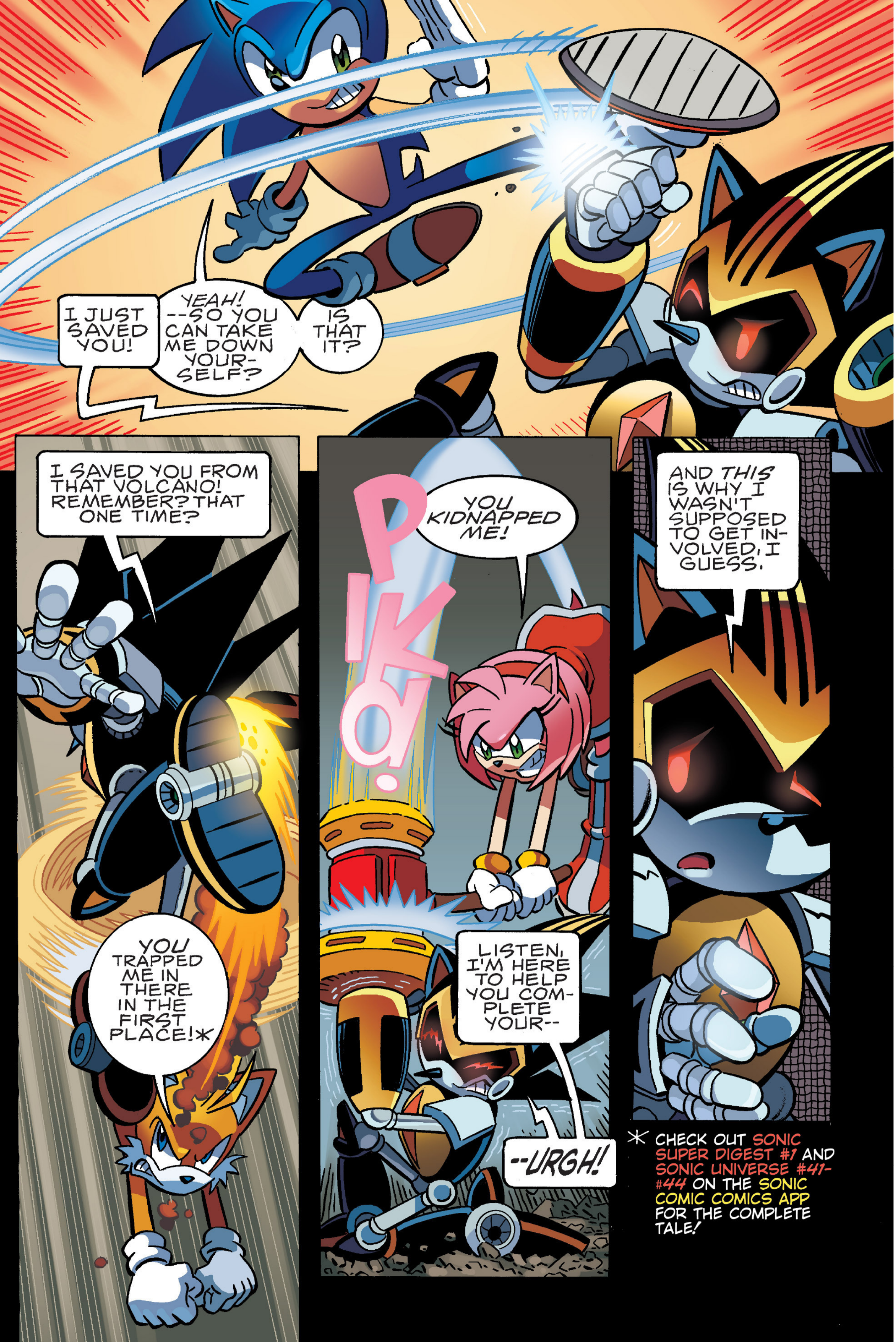
I JUST SAVED YOU!
YEAH! --SO YOU CAN TAKE ME DOWN YOURSELF?
IS THAT IT?
I SAVED YOU FROM THAT VOLCANO! REMEMBER? THAT ONE TIME?
YOU TRAPPED ME IN THERE IN THE FIRST PLACE!*
PIKA!
YOU KIDNAPPED ME!
LISTEN, I'M HERE TO HELP YOU COMPLETE YOUR--
--URGH!
AND *THIS* IS WHY I WASN'T SUPPOSED TO GET INVOLVED, I GUESS.

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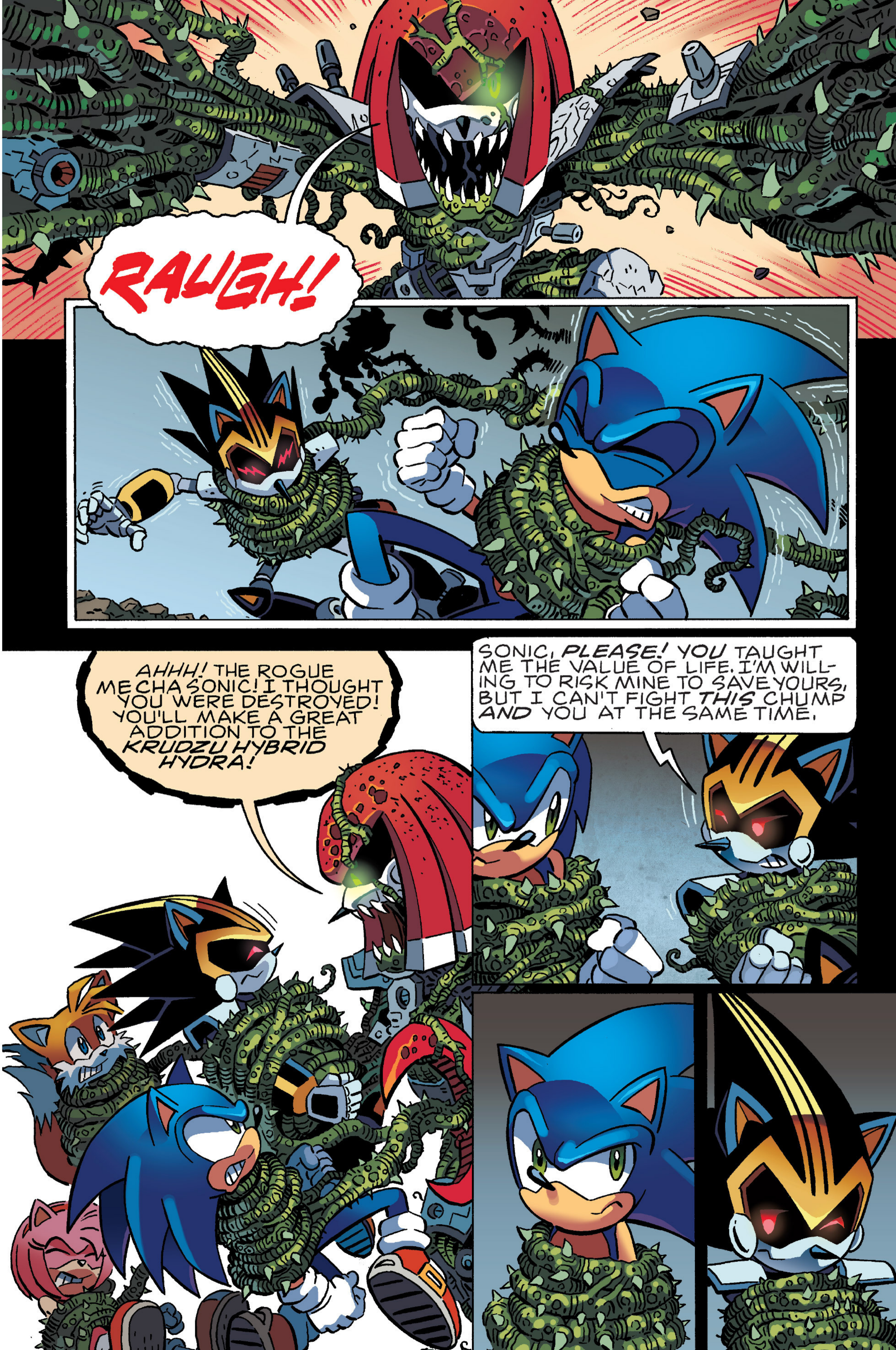
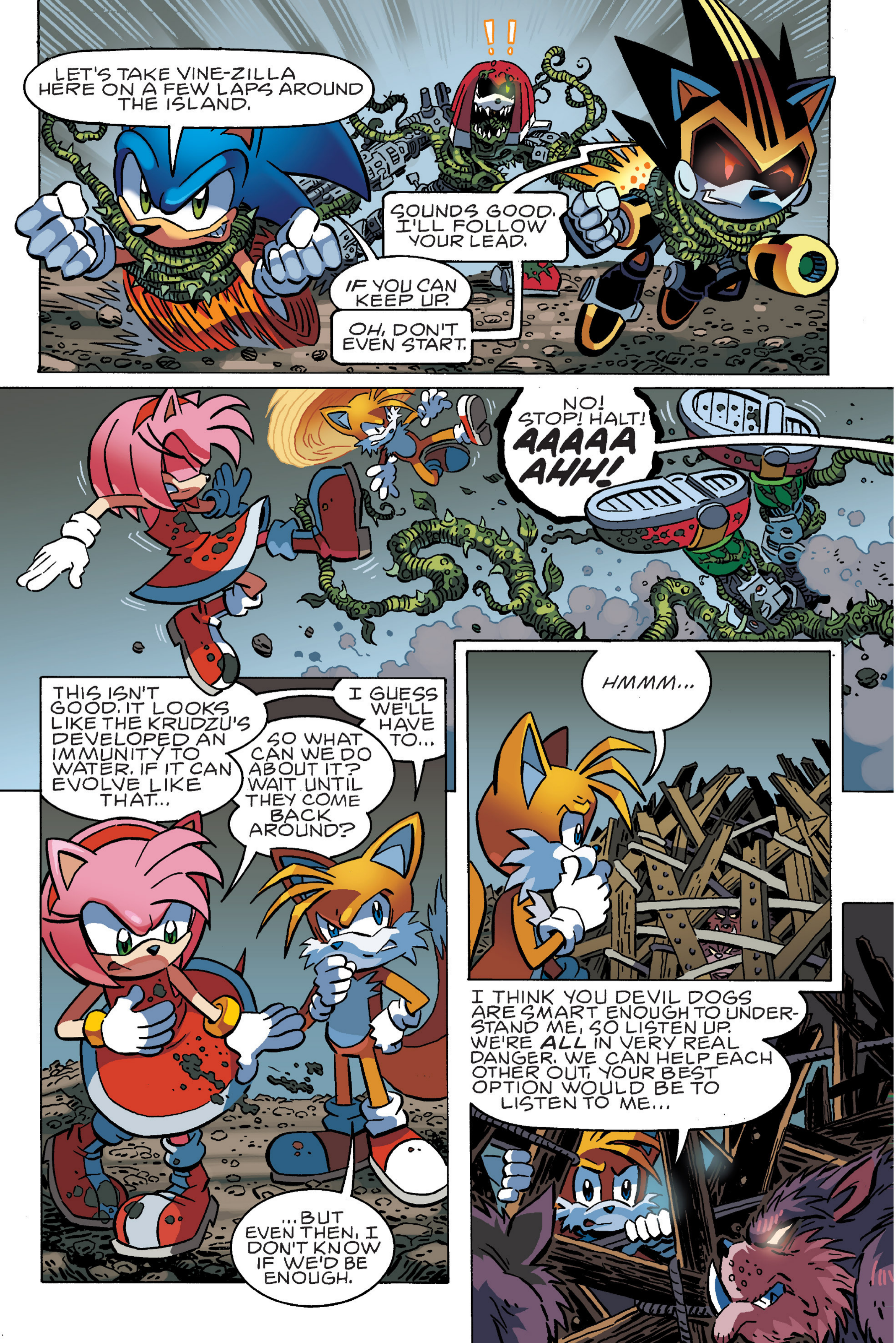
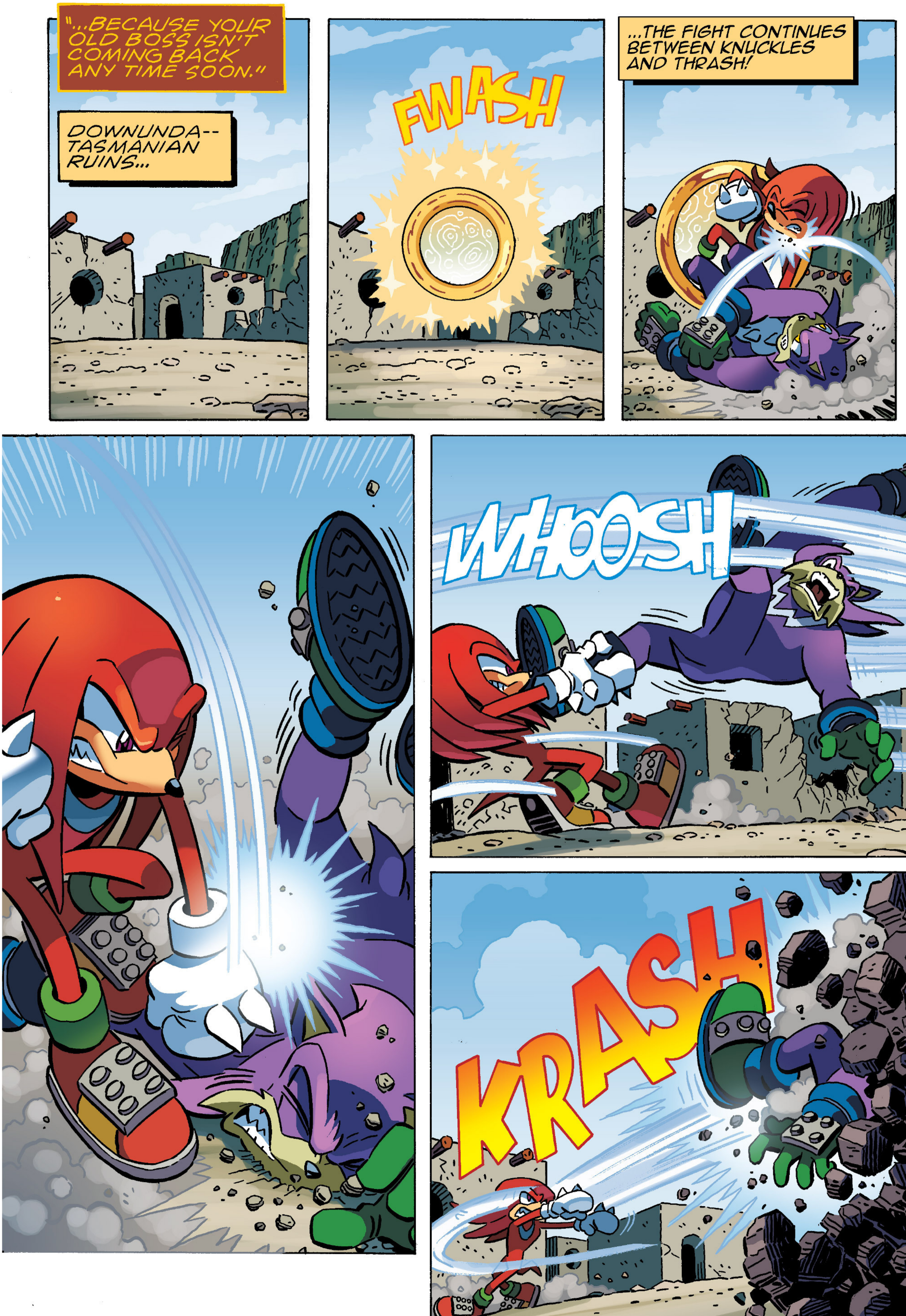
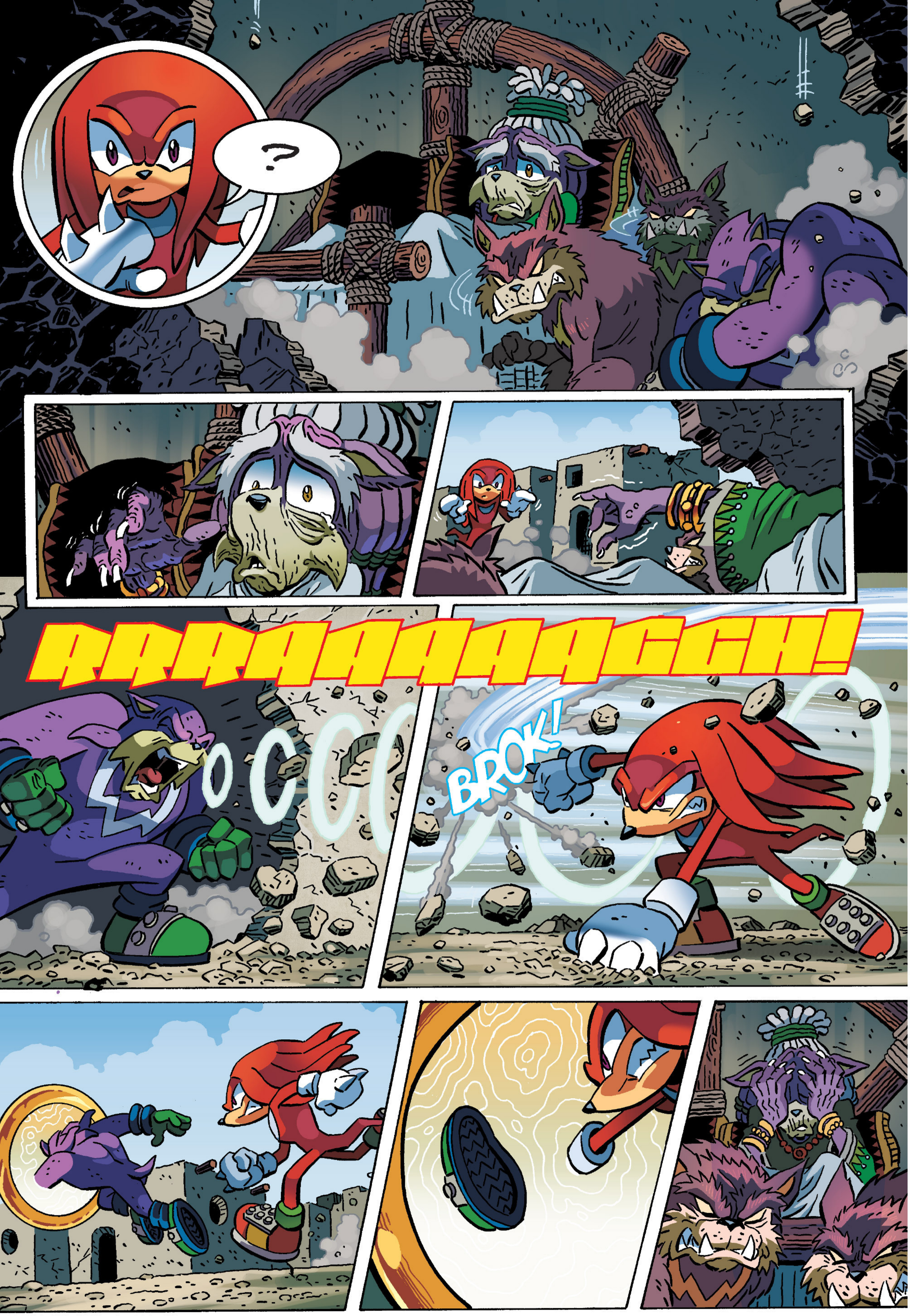

RAUGH!
AHHH! THE ROGUE MECHA SONIC! I THOUGHT YOU WERE DESTROYED! YOU'LL MAKE A GREAT ADDITION TO THE *KRUDZU HYBRID HYDRA!*
SONIC, *PLEASE! YOU* TAUGHT ME THE VALUE OF LIFE. I'M WILLING TO RISK MINE TO SAVE YOURS, BUT I CAN'T FIGHT *THIS* CHUMP *AND* YOU AT THE SAME TIME.


LET'S TAKE VINE-ZILLA HERE ON A FEW LAPS AROUND THE ISLAND.
!!
SOUNDS GOOD. I'LL FOLLOW YOUR LEAD.
IF YOU CAN KEEP UP.
OH, DON'T EVEN START.
NO! STOP! HALT! AAAAAAHH!
THIS ISN'T GOOD. IT LOOKS LIKE THE KRUDZU'S DEVELOPED AN IMMUNITY TO WATER. IF IT CAN EVOLVE LIKE THAT...
SO WHAT CAN WE DO ABOUT IT? WAIT UNTIL THEY COME BACK AROUND?
I GUESS WE'LL HAVE TO...
...BUT EVEN THEN, I DON'T KNOW IF WE'D BE ENOUGH.
HMMM...
I THINK YOU DEVIL DOGS ARE SMART ENOUGH TO UNDERSTAND ME, SO LISTEN UP. WE'RE ALL IN VERY REAL DANGER. WE CAN HELP EACH OTHER OUT. YOUR BEST OPTION WOULD BE TO LISTEN TO ME...


"...BECAUSE YOUR OLD BOSS ISN'T COMING BACK ANY TIME SOON."
DOWNUNDA--TASMANIAN RUINS...
FWASH
...THE FIGHT CONTINUES BETWEEN KNUCKLES AND THRASH!
WHOOSH
KRASH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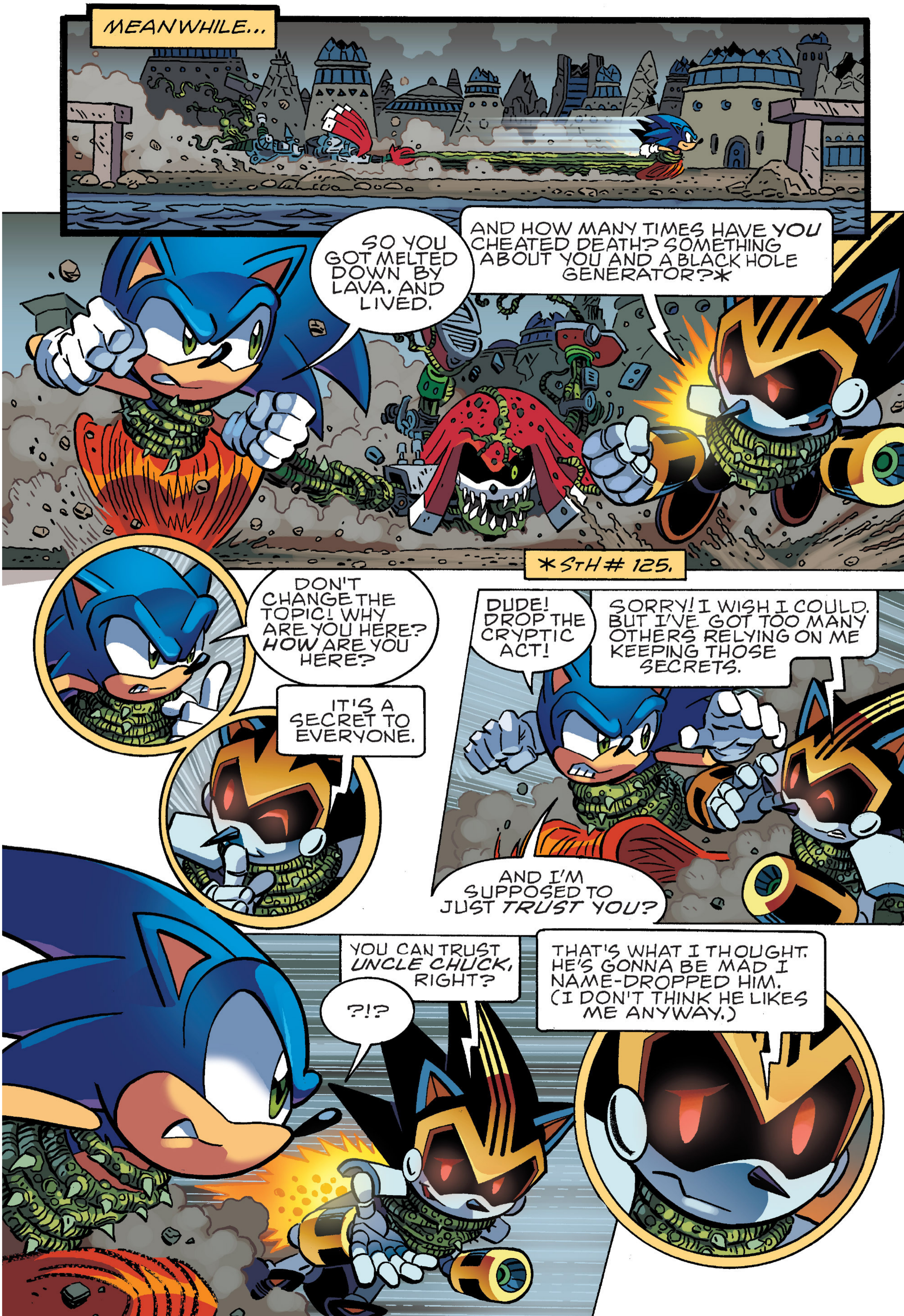
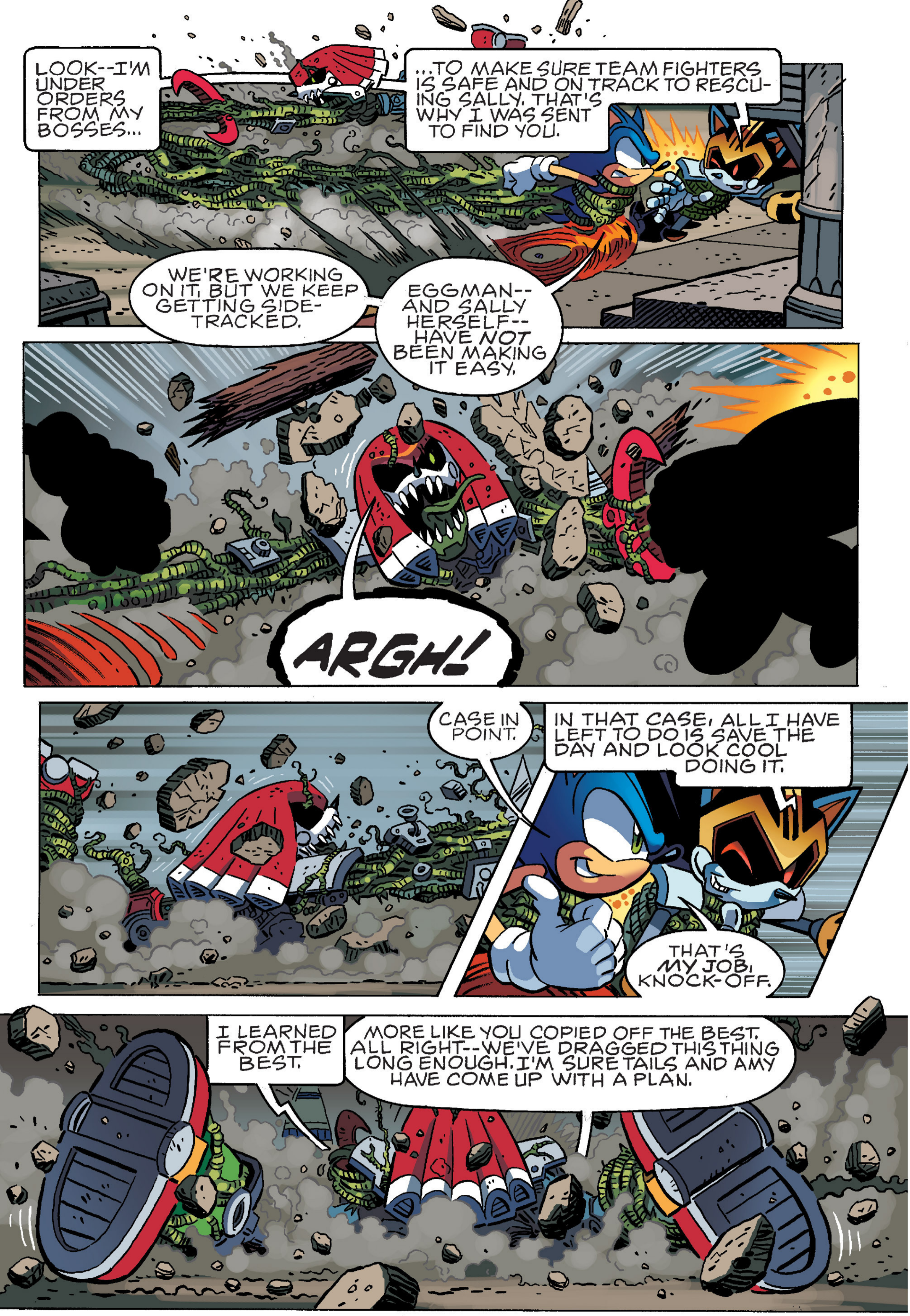
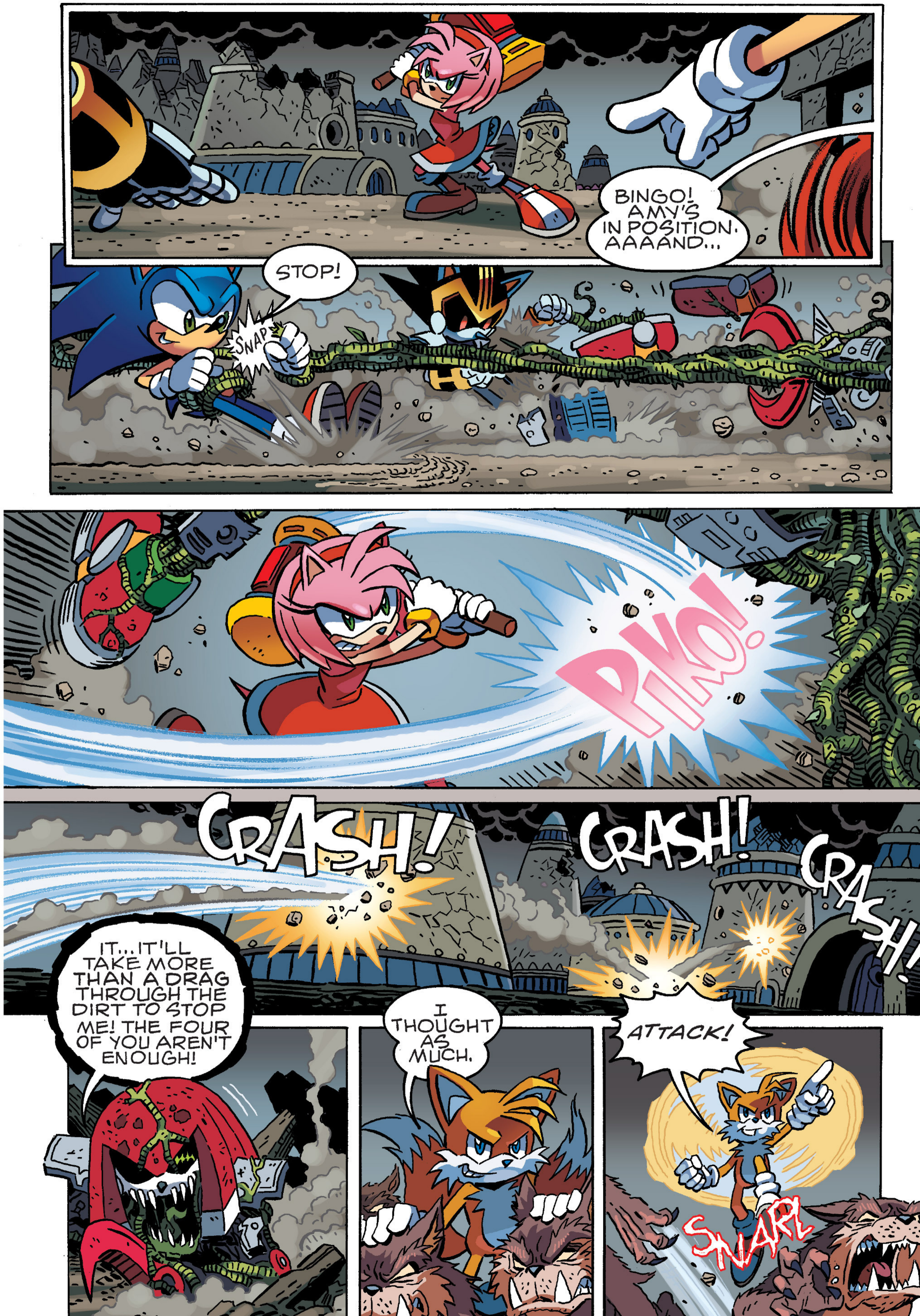
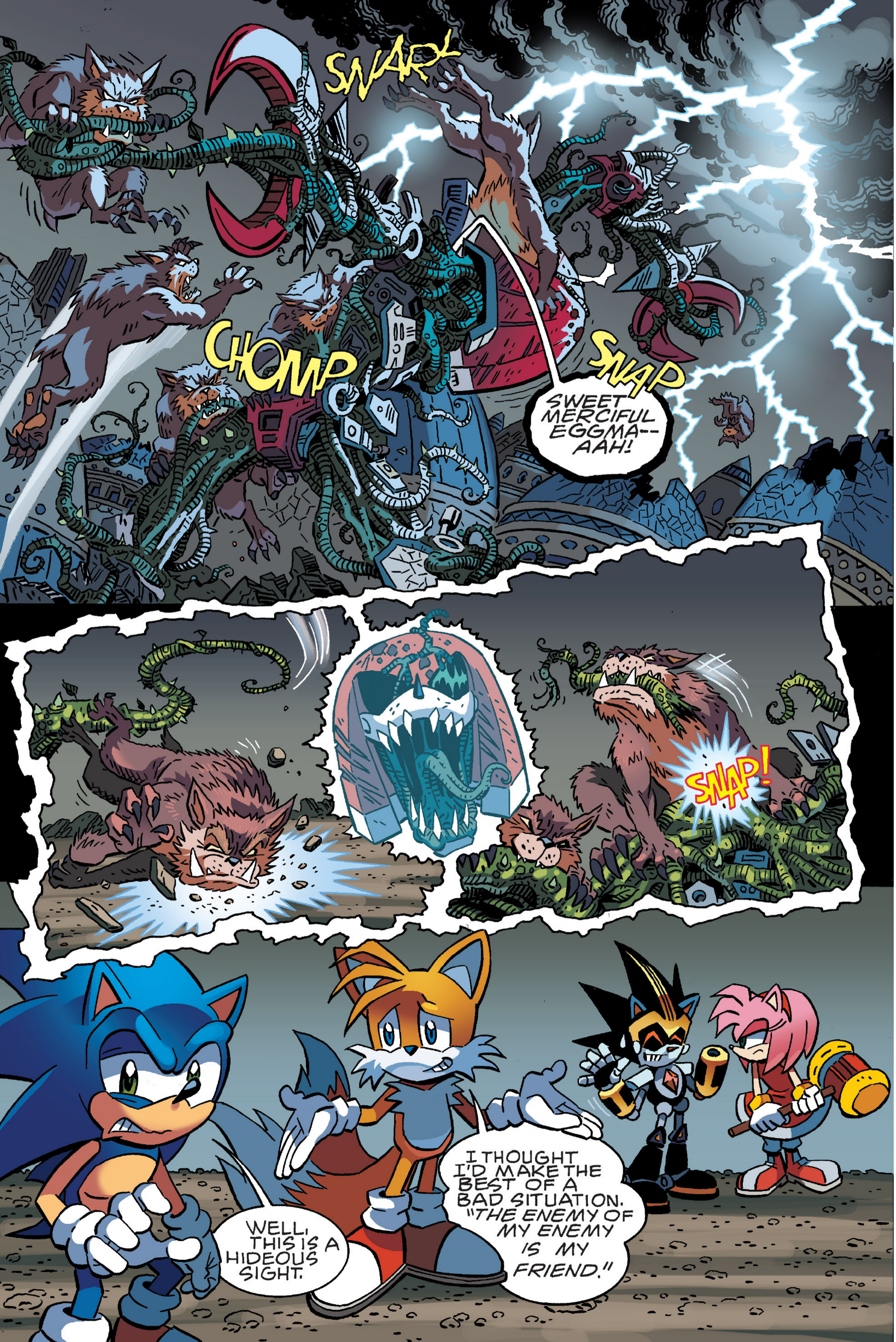
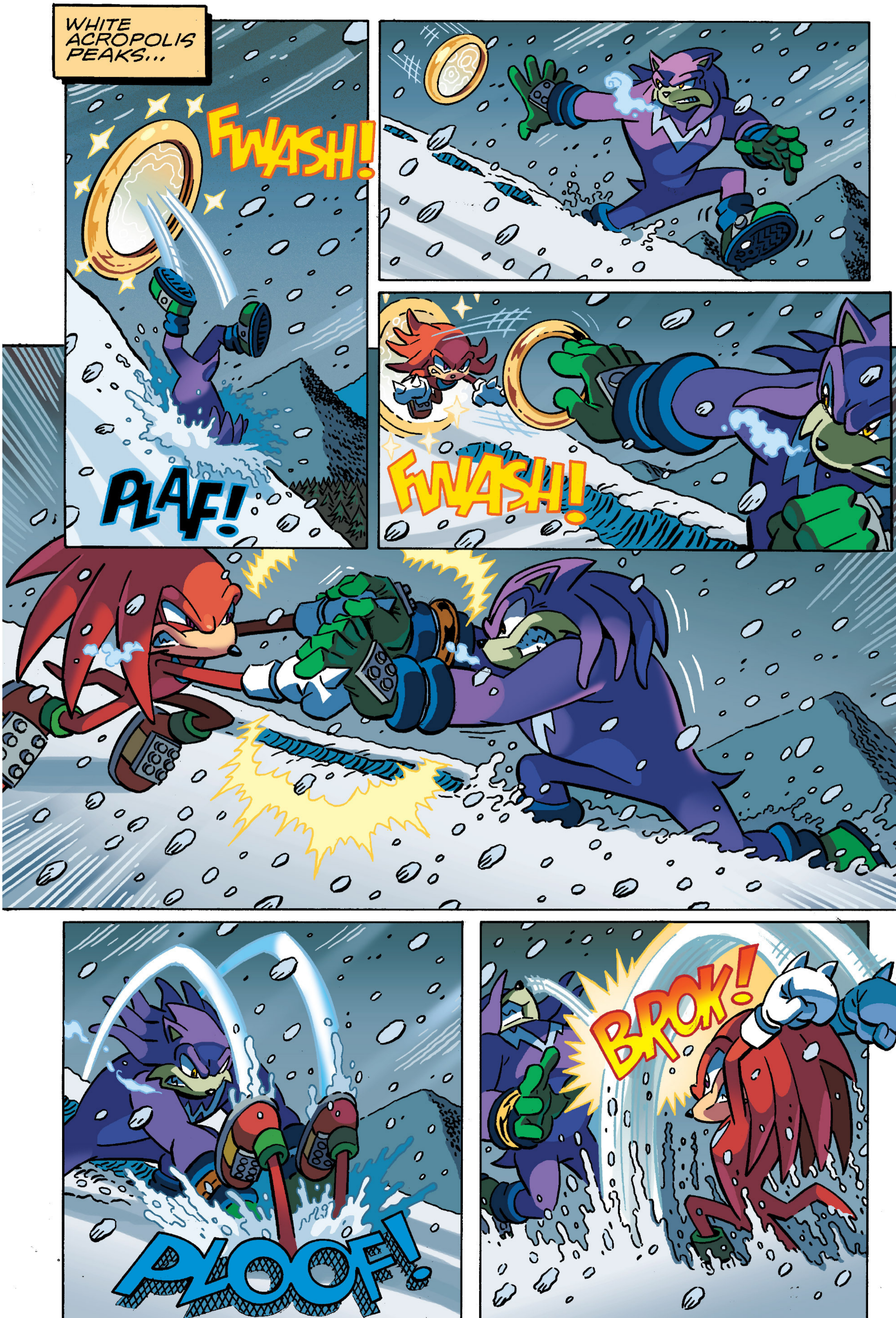
RRRAAAAAAAGGH!
BROK!

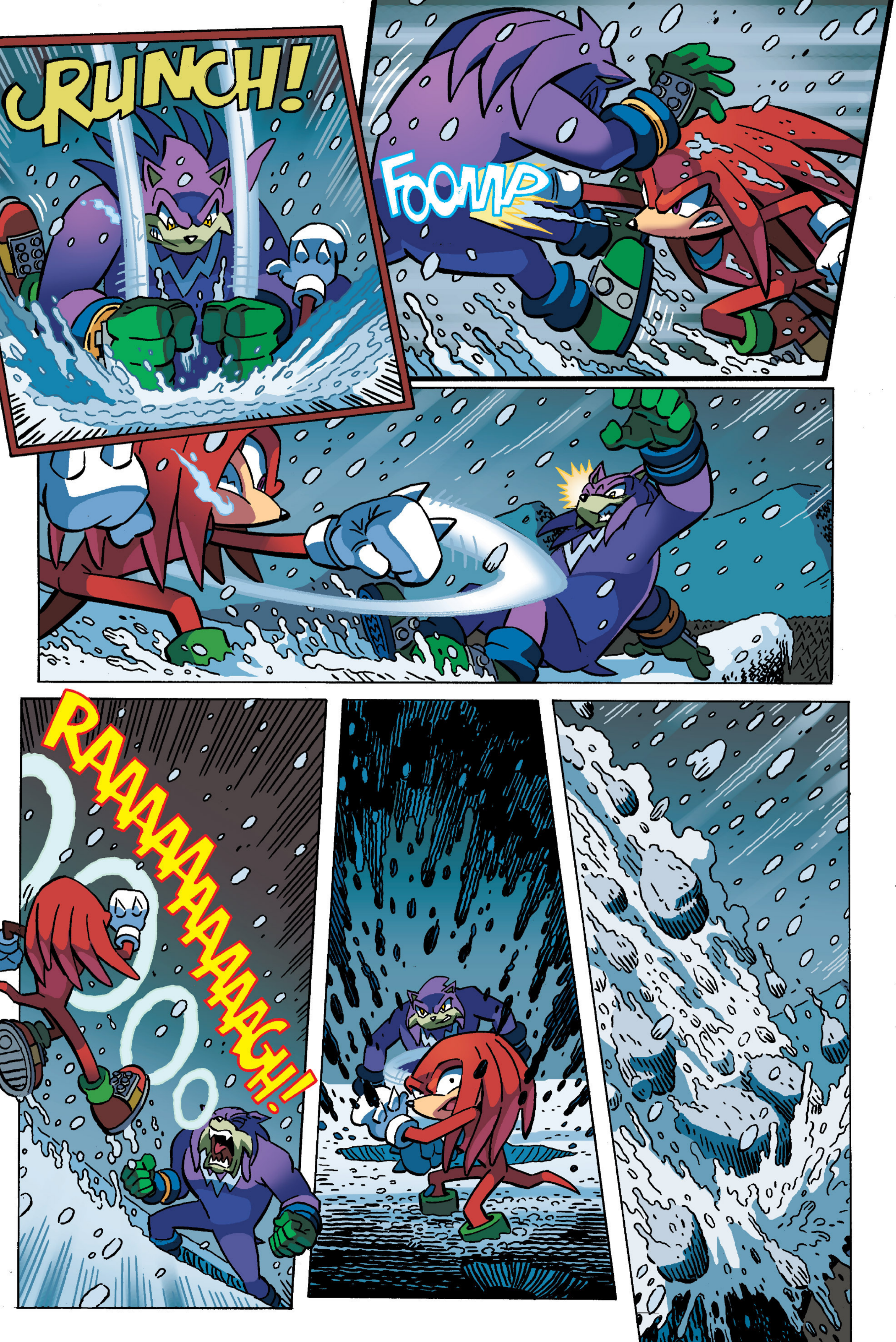

MEANWHILE...
SO YOU GOT MELTED DOWN BY LAVA, AND LIVED.
AND HOW MANY TIMES HAVE *YOU* CHEATED DEATH? SOMETHING ABOUT YOU AND A BLACK HOLE GENERATOR?*
*STH # 125.
DON'T CHANGE THE TOPIC! WHY ARE YOU HERE? *HOW* ARE YOU HERE?
IT'S A SECRET TO EVERYONE.
DUDE! DROP THE CRYPTIC ACT!
SORRY! I WISH I COULD. BUT I'VE GOT TOO MANY OTHERS RELYING ON ME KEEPING THOSE SECRETS.
AND I'M SUPPOSED TO JUST *TRUST* YOU?
YOU CAN TRUST *UNCLE CHUCK,* RIGHT?
?!?
THAT'S WHAT I THOUGHT. HE'S GONNA BE MAD I NAME-DROPPED HIM. (I DON'T THINK HE LIKES ME ANYWAY.)

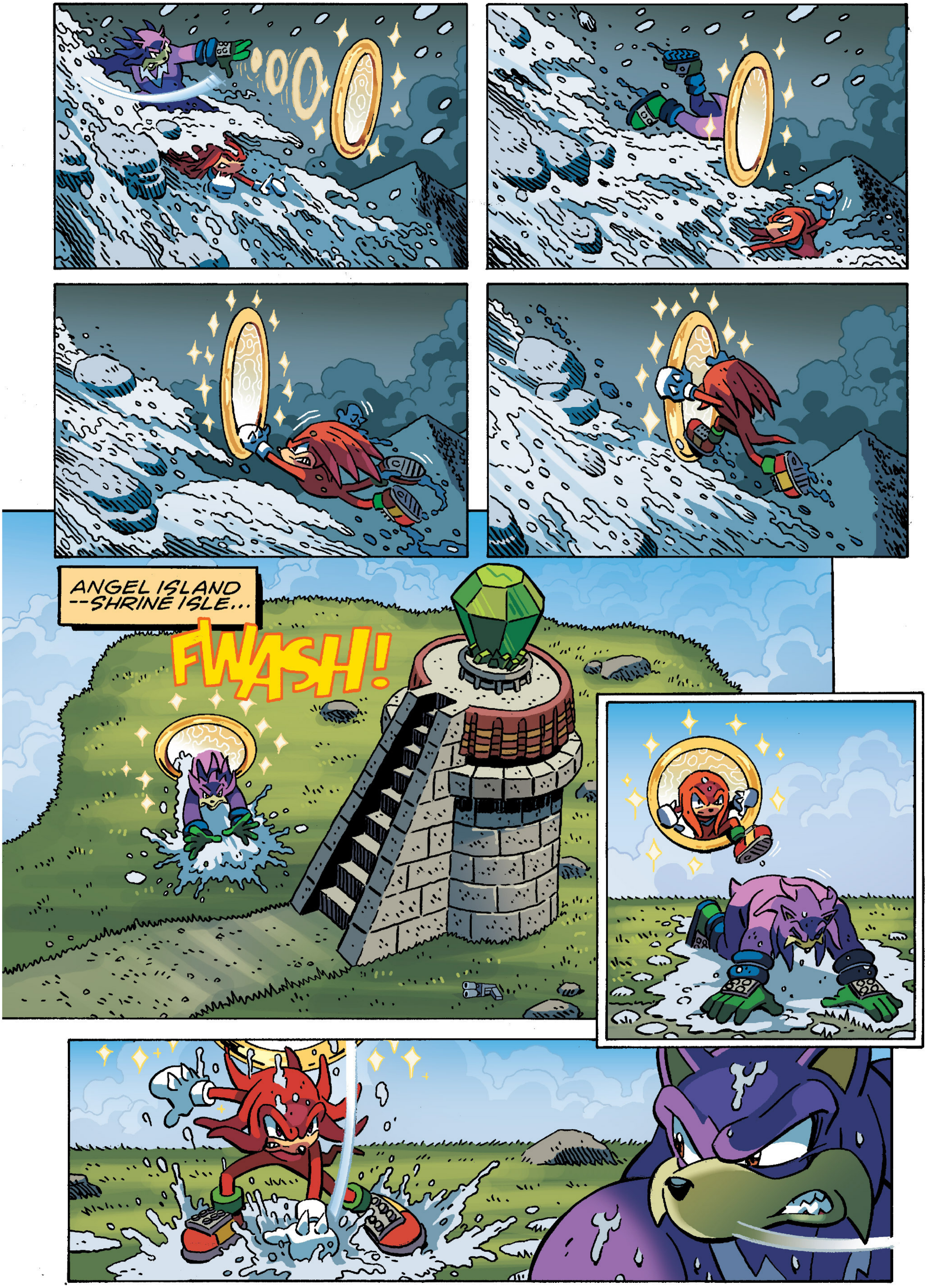

LOOK--I'M UNDER ORDERS FROM MY BOSSES...
...TO MAKE SURE TEAM FIGHTERS IS SAFE AND ON TRACK TO RESCUING SALLY. THAT'S WHY I WAS SENT TO FIND YOU.
WE'RE WORKING ON IT, BUT WE KEEP GETTING SIDE-TRACKED.
EGGMAN--AND SALLY HERSELF--HAVE *NOT* BEEN MAKING IT EASY.
ARGH!
CASE IN POINT.
IN THAT CASE, ALL I HAVE LEFT TO DO IS SAVE THE DAY AND LOOK COOL DOING IT.
THAT'S *MY* JOB, KNOCK-OFF.
I LEARNED FROM THE BEST.
MORE LIKE YOU COPIED OFF THE BEST. ALL RIGHT--WE'VE DRAGGED THIS THING LONG ENOUGH. I'M SURE TAILS AND AMY HAVE COME UP WITH A PLAN.

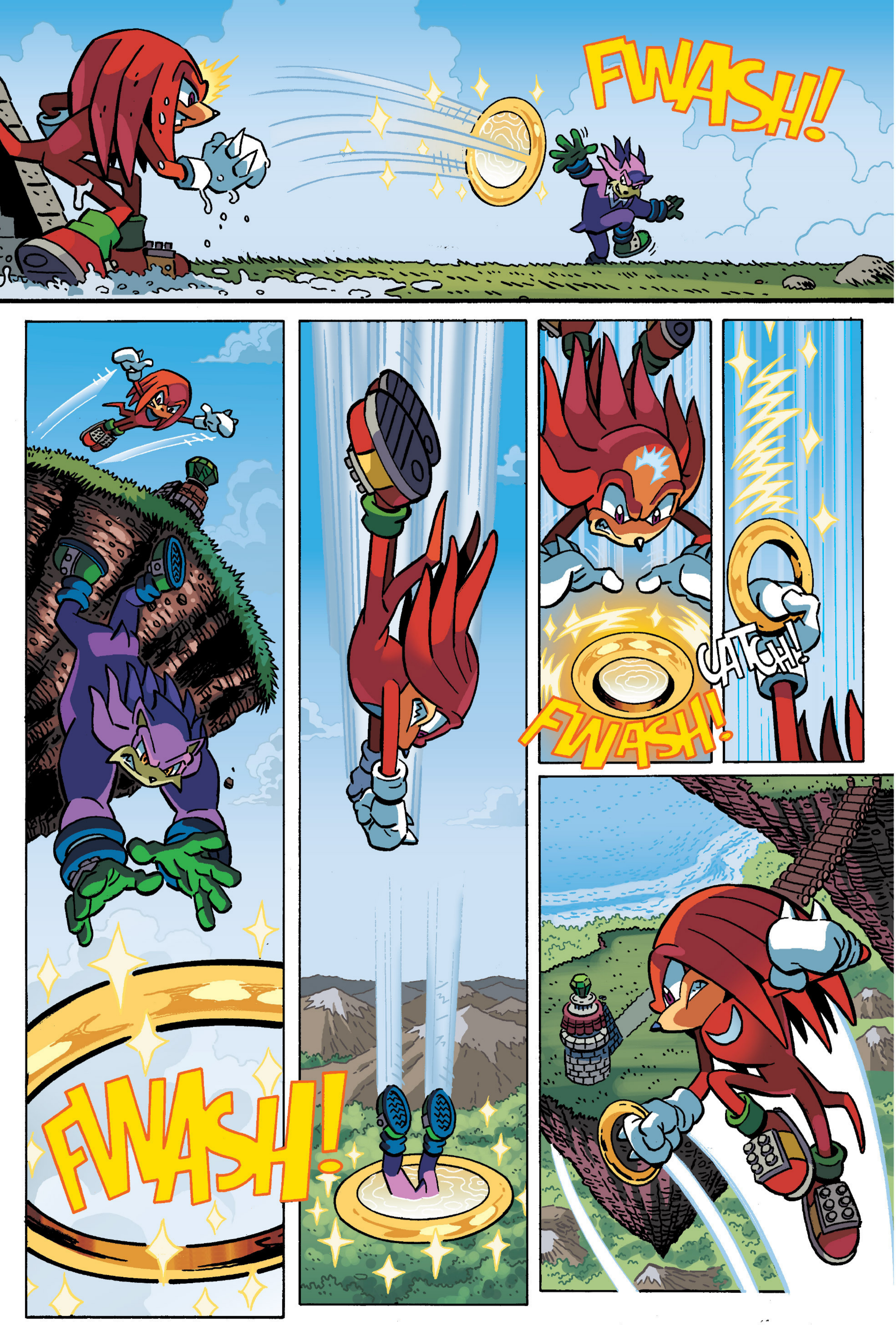

BINGO! AMY'S IN POSITION. AAAAND...
STOP!
SNAP
PIKO!
CRASH!
CRASH!
CRASH!
IT...IT'LL TAKE MORE THAN A DRAG THROUGH THE DIRT TO STOP ME! THE FOUR OF YOU AREN'T ENOUGH!
I THOUGHT AS MUCH.
ATTACK!
SNARL

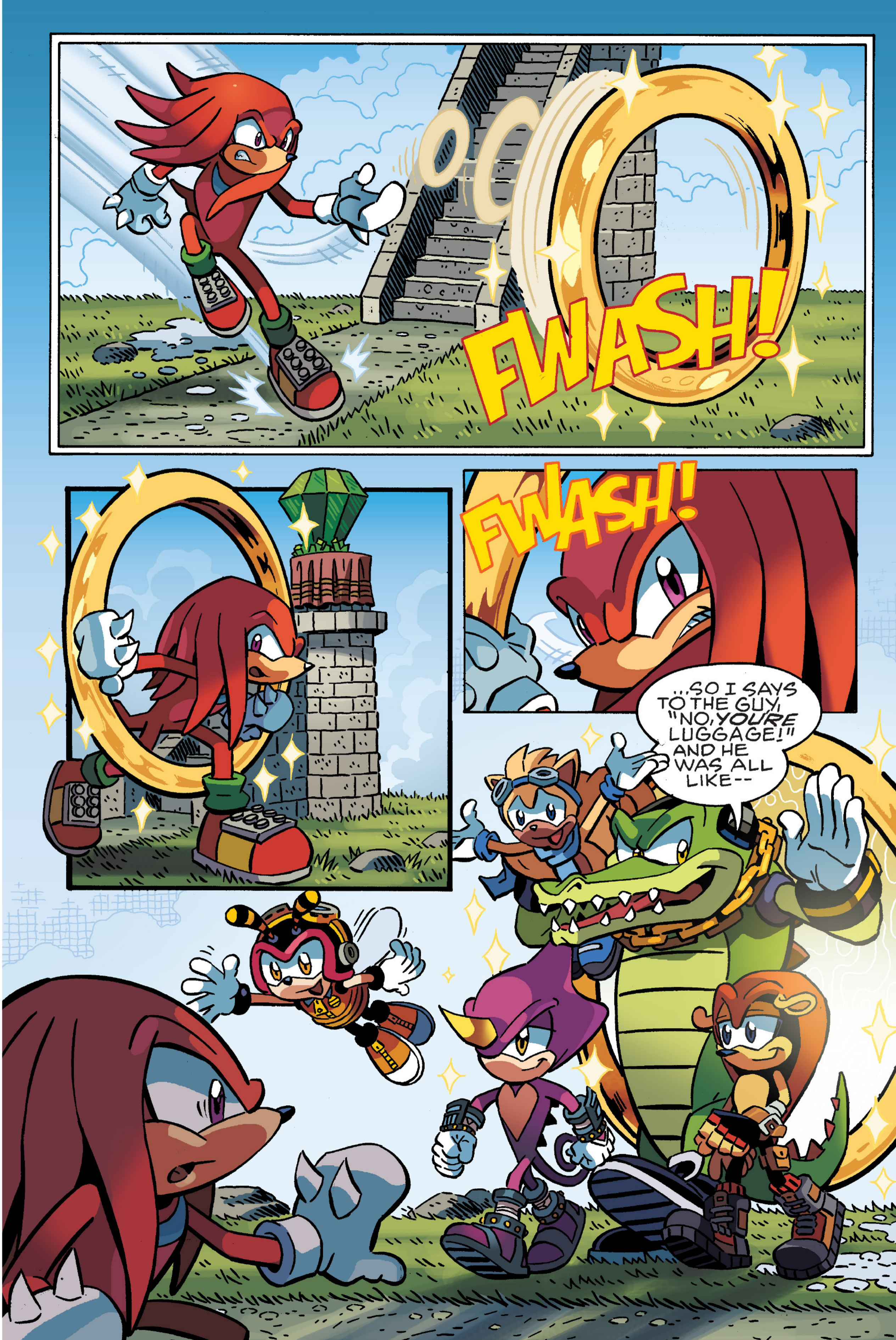

SNARL
CHOMP
SNAP
SWEET MERCIFUL EGGMA--AAH!
SNAP!
WELL, THIS IS A HIDEOUS SIGHT.
I THOUGHT I'D MAKE THE BEST OF A BAD SITUATION. *"THE ENEMY OF MY ENEMY IS MY FRIEND."*

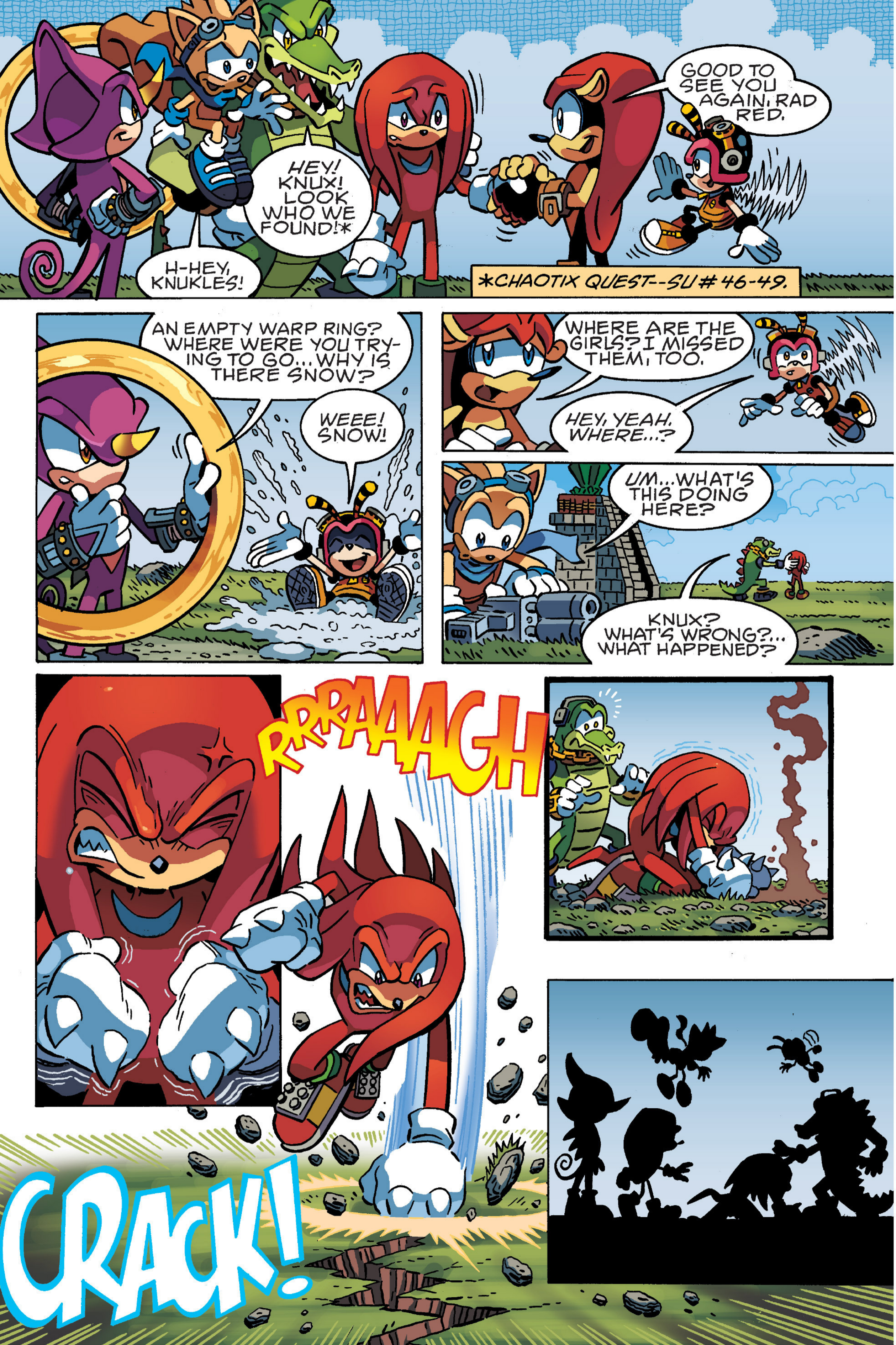

WHITE ACROPOLIS PEAKS...
FWASH!
PLAF!
FWASH!
PLOOF!
BROK!

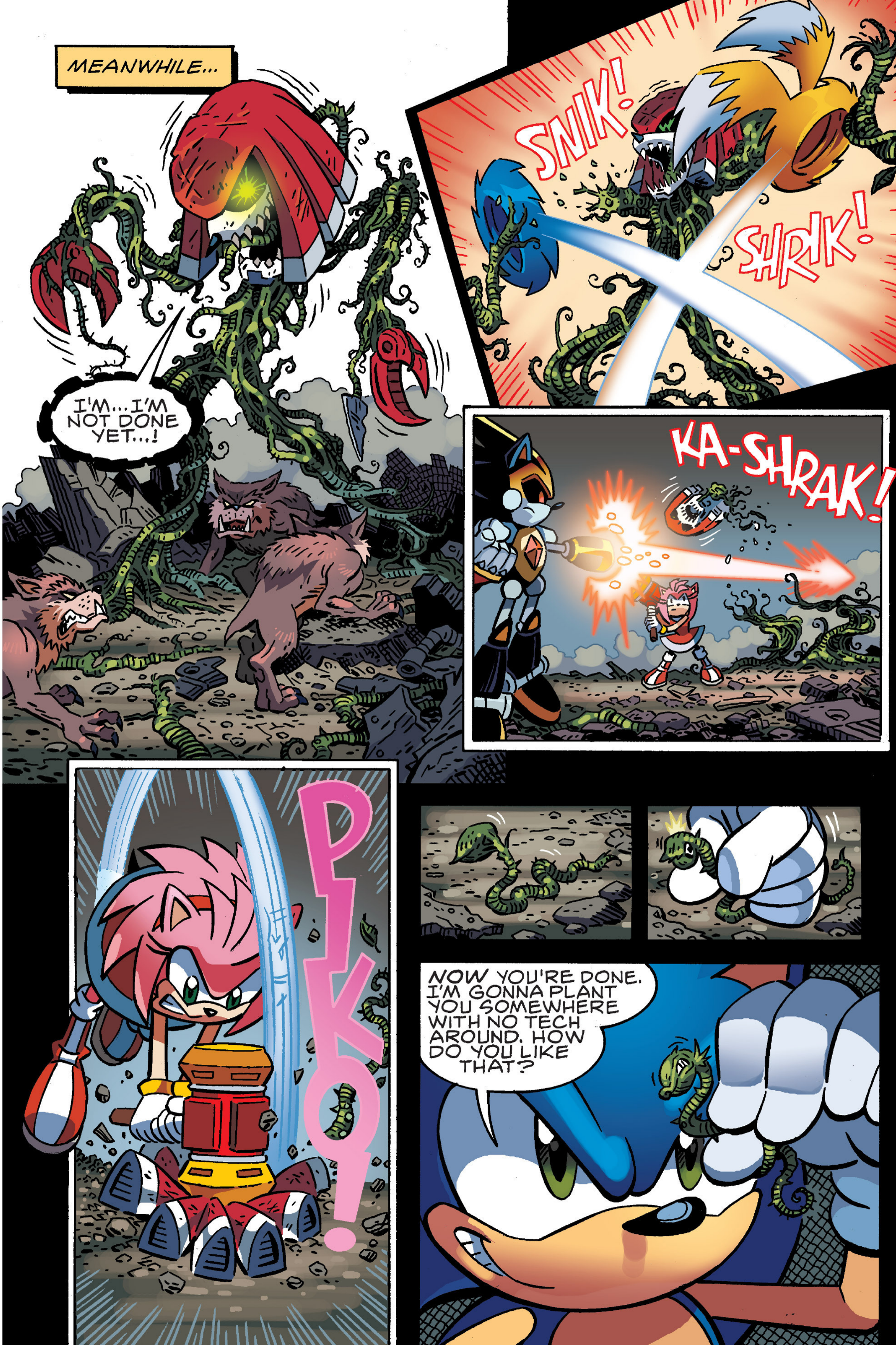

CRUNCH!
FOOMP
RAAAAAAAAAACH!

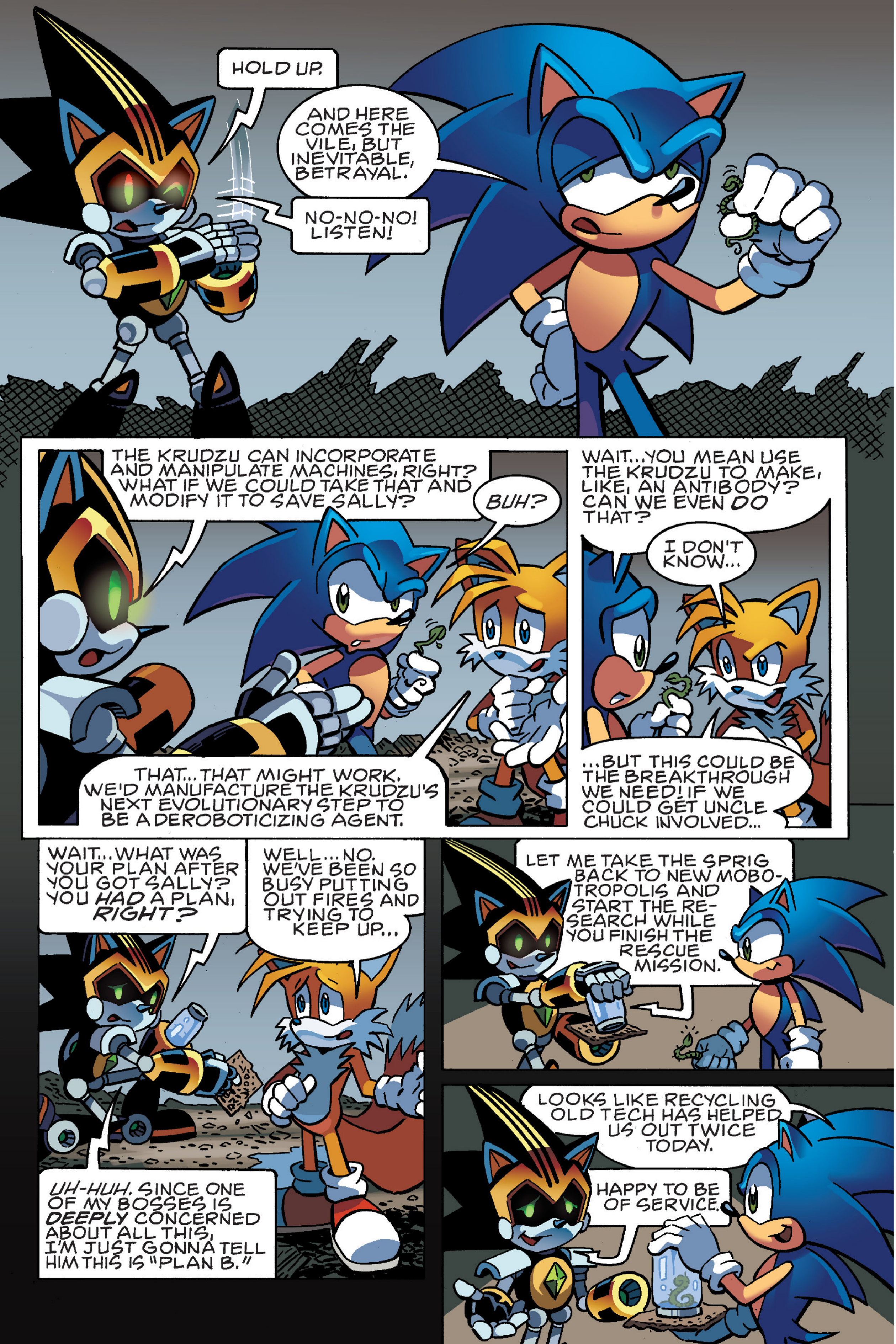

ANGEL ISLAND --SHRINE ISLE...
FWASH!

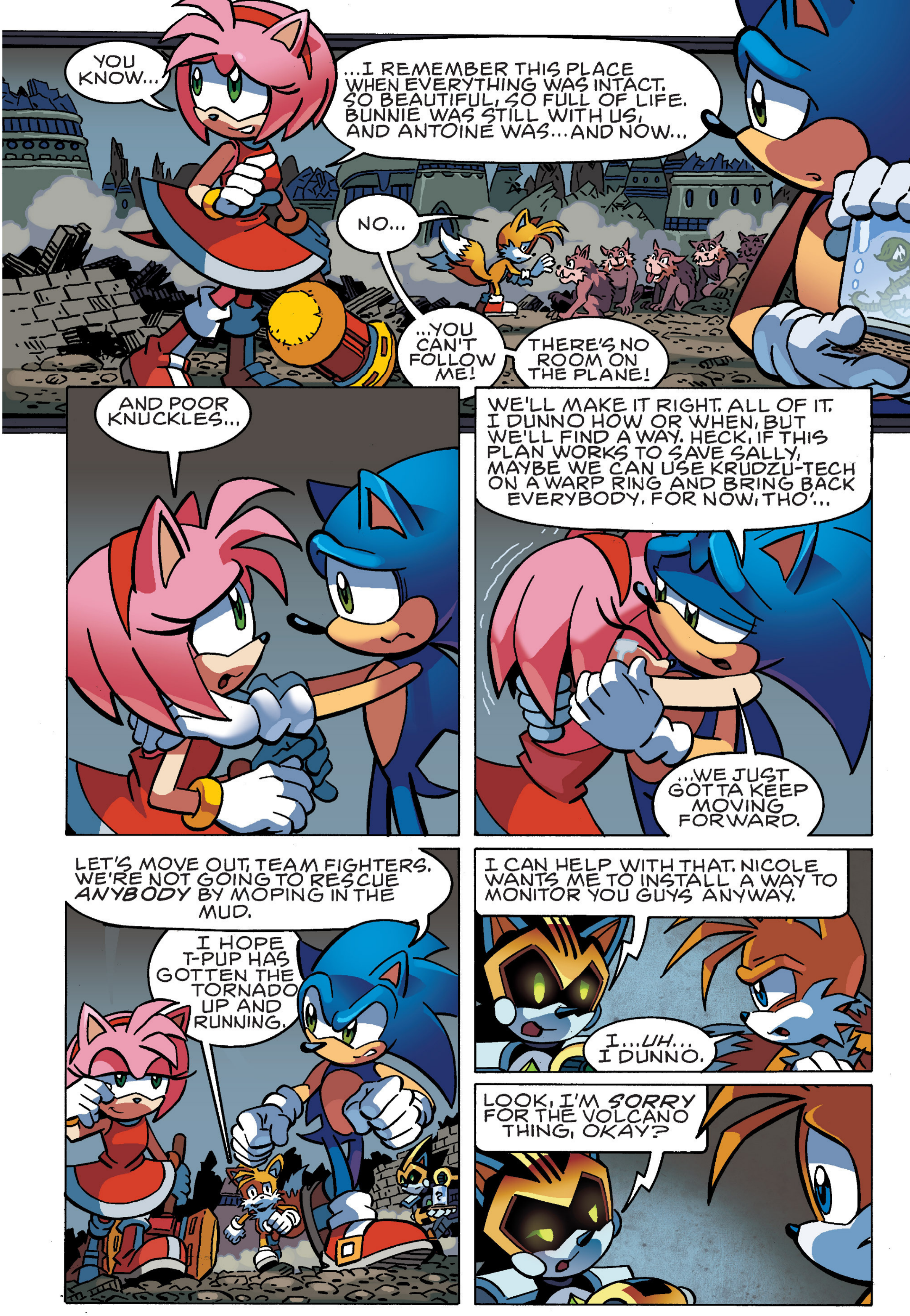

FWASH!
FWASH!
FWASH!
CATCH!

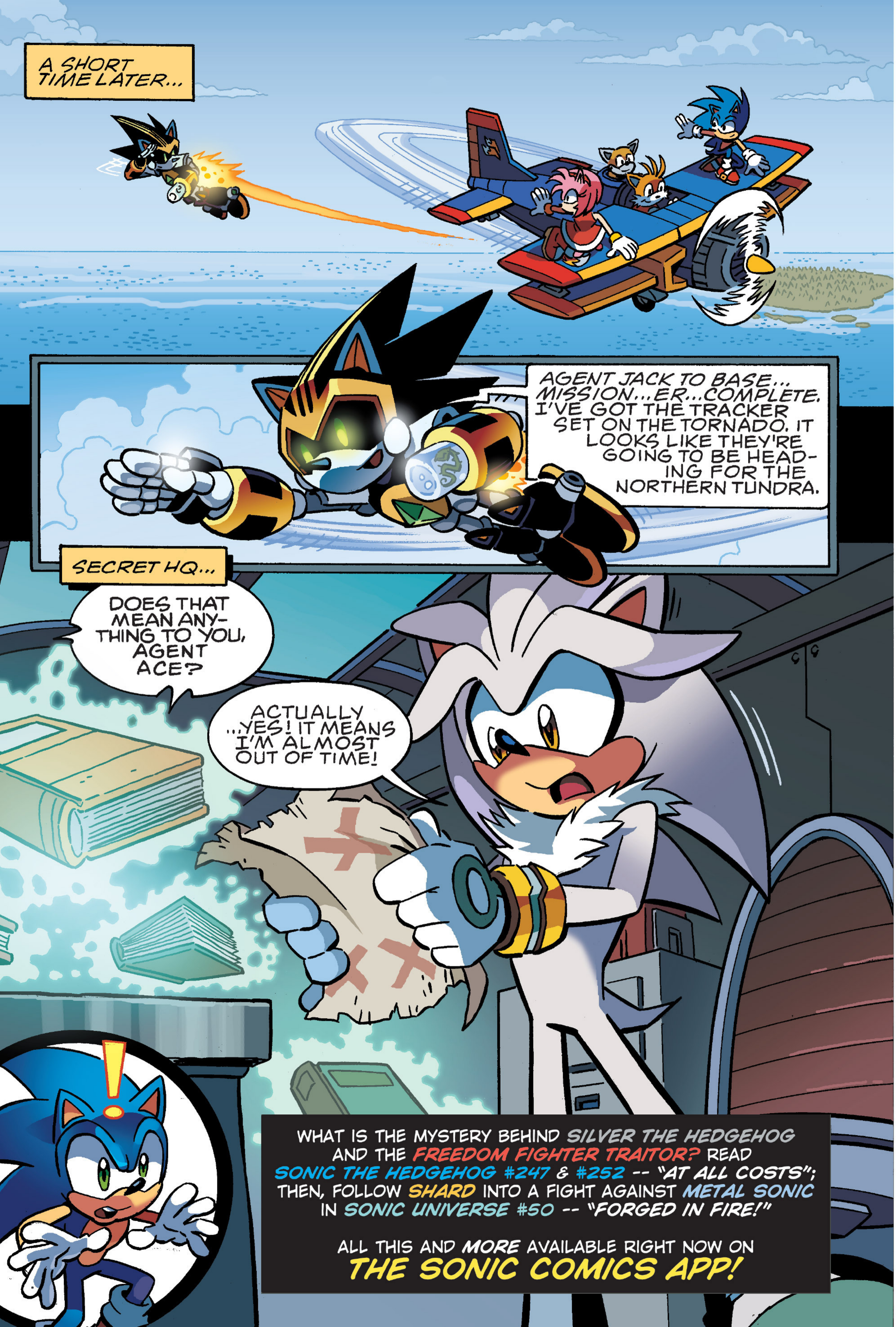

FWASH!
FWASH!
...SO I SAYS TO THE GUY, "NO, *YOU'RE* LUGGAGE!" AND HE WAS ALL LIKE--


HEY! KNUX! LOOK WHO WE FOUND!*
H-HEY, KNUKLES!
GOOD TO SEE YOU AGAIN, RAD RED.
*CHAOTIX QUEST--SU #46-49.
AN EMPTY WARP RING? WHERE WERE YOU TRYING TO GO... WHY IS THERE SNOW?
WEEE! SNOW!
WHERE ARE THE GIRLS? I MISSED THEM, TOO.
HEY, YEAH, WHERE...?
UM... WHAT'S THIS DOING HERE?
KNUX? WHAT'S WRONG?... WHAT HAPPENED?
RRRAAAAGH
CRACK!


MEANWHILE...
I'M... I'M NOT DONE YET...!
SNIK!
SHRIK!
KA-SHRAK!
PIKO!
NOW YOU'RE DONE. I'M GONNA PLANT YOU SOMEWHERE WITH NO TECH AROUND. HOW DO YOU LIKE THAT?


HOLD UP.
AND HERE COMES THE VILE, BUT INEVITABLE, BETRAYAL.
NO-NO-NO! LISTEN!
THE KRUDZU CAN INCORPORATE AND MANIPULATE MACHINES, RIGHT? WHAT IF WE COULD TAKE THAT AND MODIFY IT TO SAVE SALLY?
BUH?
THAT... THAT MIGHT WORK. WE'D MANUFACTURE THE KRUDZU'S NEXT EVOLUTIONARY STEP TO BE A DEROBOTICIZING AGENT.
WAIT...YOU MEAN USE THE KRUDZU TO MAKE, LIKE, AN ANTIBODY? CAN WE EVEN *DO* THAT?
I DON'T KNOW...
...BUT THIS COULD BE THE BREAKTHROUGH WE NEED! IF WE COULD GET UNCLE CHUCK INVOLVED...
WAIT... WHAT WAS YOUR PLAN AFTER YOU GOT SALLY? YOU *HAD* A PLAN, *RIGHT?*
WELL... NO. WE'VE BEEN SO BUSY PUTTING OUT FIRES AND TRYING TO KEEP UP...
UH-HUH. SINCE ONE OF MY BOSSES IS *DEEPLY* CONCERNED ABOUT ALL THIS, I'M JUST GONNA TELL HIM THIS IS "PLAN B."
LET ME TAKE THE SPRIG BACK TO NEW MOBOTROPOLIS AND START THE RESEARCH WHILE YOU FINISH THE RESCUE MISSION.
LOOKS LIKE RECYCLING OLD TECH HAS HELPED US OUT TWICE TODAY.
HAPPY TO BE OF SERVICE.


YOU KNOW...
...I REMEMBER THIS PLACE WHEN EVERYTHING WAS INTACT. SO BEAUTIFUL, SO FULL OF LIFE. BUNNIE WAS STILL WITH US, AND ANTOINE WAS... AND NOW...
NO...
...YOU CAN'T FOLLOW ME!
THERE'S NO ROOM ON THE PLANE!
AND POOR KNUCKLES...
WE'LL MAKE IT RIGHT. ALL OF IT. I DUNNO HOW OR WHEN, BUT WE'LL FIND A WAY. HECK, IF THIS PLAN WORKS TO SAVE SALLY, MAYBE WE CAN USE KRUDZU-TECH ON A WARP RING AND BRING BACK EVERYBODY. FOR NOW, THO'...
...WE JUST GOTTA KEEP MOVING FORWARD.
LET'S MOVE OUT, TEAM FIGHTERS. WE'RE NOT GOING TO RESCUE *ANYBODY* BY MOPING IN THE MUD.
I HOPE T-PUP HAS GOTTEN THE TORNADO UP AND RUNNING.
I CAN HELP WITH THAT. NICOLE WANTS ME TO INSTALL A WAY TO MONITOR YOU GUYS ANYWAY.
I... *UH*... I DUNNO.
LOOK, I'M *SORRY* FOR THE VOLCANO THING, OKAY?


A SHORT TIME LATER...
AGENT JACK TO BASE... MISSION...ER...COMPLETE. I'VE GOT THE TRACKER SET ON THE TORNADO. IT LOOKS LIKE THEY'RE GOING TO BE HEADING FOR THE NORTHERN TUNDRA.
SECRET HQ...
DOES THAT MEAN ANYTHING TO YOU, AGENT ACE?
ACTUALLY ...YES! IT MEANS I'M ALMOST OUT OF TIME!

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